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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARAT

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Our Resolve

PROSPEROUS KARNATAKA For The Development Of All

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- A better tomorrow for farmers, labourers and the weaker sections
- Priority for the empowerment of women
- Significant progress in industry, education and creation of infrastructure
- Revolutionary reforms in citizen services

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, the double-engine government in Karnataka, led by Hon'ble CM Sri Basavaraj Bommai, is functioning with humanity and conscience as its vital force. In addition to positively responding to people's problems, it has been working by balancing people's welfare, development and financial discipline.

Welfare of SC/ST communities

- A total grant of ₹990.19 crore allocated to SC/ST Corporations. Original allocation ₹580.19 crore. Additional allocation ₹410 crore
- ₹572.18 crore worth of scholarships distributed to students of SC/ST
- **Kuteera Jyothi** – Free electricity supply increased to 75 units
- Separate **Directorate** for the welfare of SC/ST
- Distribution of 2,241.62 acres of land to 1,717 beneficiaries at a cost of ₹227.86 crore
- Under the **'Deendayal Upadhyaya Sauharda Student Hostel'** Scheme, steps taken to build 1,000 capacity hostels in 5 districts at a cost of ₹250 crore
- Under Land Ownership Scheme, unit cost increased from Rs. 15 lakhs to ₹20 lakhs

Farmers, Agriculture, Horticulture

- **Mukhyamantri Raita Vidhyanidhi Programme**: ₹438.69 crore worth of scholarships distributed to 9.98 lakh students
- Under Pradhan Mantri **Krishi Samman** Scheme, income support extended to 50.35 lakh farmers in 2021-22 and 47.83 lakh farmers in 2022-23 till date
- Compensation distributed for crop loss within 48 hours. 18.56 lakh farmers benefitted
- ₹250 diesel subsidy per acre to encourage mechanization of agriculture. (Max.: 5 acres)
- **Secondary Agriculture Directorate** established to increase the income of farmers
- Establishment of **Grape Development and Wine Board**

Welfare of Weavers

- Nekar Samman Scheme income support increased from Rs. 2,000 to ₹5,000
- Amount transferred to 49,544 weavers directly in 2021-22
- **Scholarship** for children of weavers

Fisheries

- 'Matsya Siri' Scheme launched to improve the income of fishermen. To lend support to 100 deep-sea fishing boats

Welfare of Labourers

- **Scholarship** Scheme for children of labourers implemented. ₹462.12 crore distributed to 2.97 lakh children

Social Security

- **Increase in pensions** – Old Age Pension, Sandhya Suraksha, Widow Pension, Maitri, Manaswini, monthly pension for differently abled people and acid attack victims.
- To help 75 lakh beneficiaries

Amritha Schemes

- Implementation of **Amritha Schemes** for various development programmes as part of India's 75th Independence Day celebrations

Investment Attraction

- 551 projects approved for ₹40,557 crore worth of investments - **Employment** opportunities for 1.64 lakh people
- **World Economic Forum, Davos 2022:** A high-level delegation of Ministers, led by Sri Basavaraj Bommai, took part in the event. MoUs signed for ₹59,350 crore worth of investment
- Five more MoUs signed for ₹1,11,765 crore investments

Karnataka - No. 1 in FDI (Foreign Direct Investment)

- Karnataka received ₹1.63 lakh crore (37.5%) FDI out of the total FDI inflows into India between April 2021 and March 2022

Karnataka - No. 1 in Innovation

- Karnataka has bagged **first place** in **Niti Aayog's India Innovation Index 2022**

Sahakara Samruddhi

- Distribution of agriculture loans amounting to ₹20,971.79 crore to 28.42 lakh farmers
- GO issued to reimplementation of **Yashaswini Scheme**
- Establishment of **Ksheerasamruddhi Cooperative Bank** for the benefit of milk producers
- Distribution of ₹1,385.17 crore loan to 36,601 SHGs

Irrigation

- Between July 2021 and June 2022, irrigation capacity was created for 79,731 acres by spending an amount of ₹17,270.13 crore

Urban Development

- **Chief Minister's Amritha Nagarothana Scheme:** ₹6,000 crore for infrastructure development in Bengaluru city
- Chief Minister's Amritha Nagarothana Scheme (for Urban Local Bodies): ₹3,885 crore

Food Security

- Distribution of **1 kg Finger Millet/Sorghum in addition to 5 kg of Rice** to every beneficiary holding a priority ration card

Rural Water Supply

- Under **'Mane Manege Gange' Jalajeevan Mission,** new tap connections provided to 22.85 lakh houses
- Jalajeevan Mission: 100% goal achieved

Housing

- Release of ₹341.56 crore compensation to 53,636 houses affected by floods during 2021-22
- To construct 5 lakh houses for homeless people under various schemes.
- Work order given for 1.4 lakh houses

New Employment Policy approved to create more employment opportunities for local people. A first-of-its-kind in India

Revolution in Citizen Services

- **Grama One**, an initiative to provide all citizen-centric services under one roof at the village level, has been launched in all districts in State. Services rendered to 44 lakh applications under this project till now
- **Janasevaka** Project launched - Provides government services to citizens at their doorstep in all 198 wards of BBMP

Education

- First State to implement **National Education Policy 2020**
- Upgradation of **7 government engineering colleges** into **Karnataka Institute of Technology**
- Upgradation of **150 ITIs** in State into **technology institutes** at a cost of ₹4,736 crore
- Appointment of 1,240 lecturers, 15,000 school teachers
- Increase in honorarium of guest lecturers to ₹26,000 - ₹32,000 based on experience
- Steps to construct 8101 primary and secondary school classrooms at a cost of ₹1,412 crore. To benefit more than 3 lakh children

Health and Family Welfare

- Effective handling of the third wave of Covid-19. 11.4 crore doses of vaccine administered
- Improvement of quality of education, health services and steps to eradicate nutrition in **100 aspirational taluks**. Allocation of ₹3,000 crore grant
- To provide **chemotherapy** services to cancer patients, approval in principle given to start **Infusion Centres in 10 institutes of medical sciences**
- Steps taken to identify one PHC with a high workload in each of the **100 aspirational taluks** and upgrade them into **25-bed model community hospitals** at a cost of ₹1,000 crore in the next two years
- Steps to start 438 Namma Clinics in all major cities of the State
- Additional Grant of ₹20 crore provided to increase free dialysis services from the existing 30,000 cycles to 60,000 cycles
- To establish **a Regional Cardiac Centre of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research in Hubli** at a cost of ₹250 crore to provide hi-tech treatment in North Karnataka
- To establish **Kidwai Regional Cancer Centre in Belagavi** at a cost of ₹50 crore
- To provide a grant of ₹32 crore to fit **Cochlear implants to 500 congenitally deaf children** to improve their speech and hearing capacity

Development of Rail/Road

- Approval for **Dharwad-Kittur-Belagavi Rail project**
- Steps to develop 2,275 km of state highways

Kalyana Karnataka

- **Grants doubled for development of Kalyana Karnataka: ₹3,000 crore allocated.**
- ₹2,637.33 crore spent by Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam and Karnataka Neeravari Nigam for development works in Kalyana Karnataka
- Administrative approval given to fill 25,000 vacant government posts in Kalyana Karnataka

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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NEARBY

'Crying need for govt., industrial funding to IISc'

BENGALURU

"IISc is competing at the global level and not at the national level. This is why there is a crying need for government and industrial funding to the institute to grow in the coming days," said Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder, Infosys, at the convocation ceremony on Wednesday.

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Cell phone usage continues in prison

BENGALURU

Staffers at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison on Tuesday caught red-handed Nagendra K., a convict, using mobile phone in the kitchen room of tower-2. The incident comes in the backdrop of a recent surprise visit by Home Minister Araga Jnanendra to the prison over unchecked contraband like mobile phones and narcotics.

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Market-goers return home with cloth bags

BENGALURU

As part of the Cheela Mela organised by Sahas (a city-based NGO), in association with BBMP, the visitors to K.R. Market were distributed cloth bags for free which were made by self-help groups. Ban on single-use plastic started from July 1.

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SC upholds powers of arrest, raid under PMLA

'Money laundering is no less heinous than terrorism'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the core amendments made to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which gives the government and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) virtually unbridled powers of summons, arrest, and raids, and makes bail nearly impossible while shifting the burden of proof of innocence on to the accused rather than the prosecution.

The top court called the PMLA a law against the "scourge of money laundering" and not a hatchet wielded against rival politicians and dissenters.

"This is a *sui generis* (unique) legislation.... Parliament enacted the Act as a result of international commitment to sternly deal with the menace of money laundering of proceeds of crime having transnational consequences and on the financial systems of the countries," a Special Bench of Justices A.M. Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and C.T. Ravikumar observed in a 545-page judgment.

The verdict came on an extensive challenge raised against the amendments introduced to the 2002 Act by way of Finance Acts. The three-judge Bench said the method of introduction of the amendments through Money Bills would be separately examined by a larger Bench of the top court.

"Money laundering is an offence against the sovereignty and integrity of the country," the court noted. "It is no less a heinous offence than the offence of terrorism," Justice Khanwilkar, who authored the judgment, said.

Over 240 petitions were filed against the amendments, which the challengers claimed would violate personal liberty, procedures of law and the constitutional mandate. The petitioners included former Ministers Mehbooba Mufti, Anil Deshmukh and Karti Chidambaram, who all claimed that the "process itself was the punishment". The court's stamp of approval comes at a crucial time when Congress leaders like Sonia Gandhi are being summoned by the ED and put to several rounds of questioning spanning hours.

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On ED's power under PMLA

An upshot of the judgment by the Supreme Court on the validity of certain provisions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

- The offence of money laundering is as heinous an offence as terrorism
- Section 3 (definition of money laundering), Section 24 (reverse burden of proof), and Section 5 (attachment of property) to stay
- Stringency in granting bail under the Act is legal and not arbitrary
- It is not mandatory to give an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in every case as it was not an FIR
- The statements made to ED are considered admissible
- Provision of attachment of property of accused as proceeds of crime 'balances' the interests of the accused and the State
- The question of enactment of PMLA amendments through the Money Bill route is to be decided by a larger Bench

Amid protests, BJP youth wing activist laid to rest near Bellare

Crowd gheraos Nalin Kumar Kateel, Ministers from the region

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

In a tense atmosphere and amid prohibitory orders, the body of 32-year-old BJP Yuva Morcha activist Praveen Nettaru, who was murdered on Tuesday night, was laid to rest at Nettaru, near Bellare in Dakshina Kannada district on Wednesday.

While Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the killers were possibly hiding in Kerala, no arrests have been made so far.

Following Praveen's murder outside his poultry farm in Bellare, BJP activists had called for bandh in Sullia, Bellare, and Puttur taluks on Wednesday. An incident of stone pelting at a KSRTC bus, as protests escalated, was reported in Bellare. Puttur Assistant Commissioner M. Girish Nandan issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure prohibiting gathering of five or more persons in Puttur sub-division effective till July 28 midnight.

Gathering in large numbers near Puttur Government Hospital where Praveen's body underwent autopsy, BJP activists took the body in a procession to Bellare at 10 a.m., even as Praveen's family at Nettaru appealed for peace.

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BJP leaders Nalin Kumar Kateel, V. Sunil Kumar, and S. Angara being gheraoed at Bellare when they came to pay their respects to Praveen Nettaru on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bommai cancels 'Janotsava' over death of party worker

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amidst tension and anger over the murder of the party Yuva Morcha worker, Praveen Nettaru, in Dakshina Kannada, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at an emergency press meet held past midnight announced cancellation of 'Janotsava' convention at Doddaballapur on Thursday to mark the completion of one year of the government led by him. The government event at Vidhana Soudha has also been cancelled.

"I am deeply pained over death of an innocent youth. It is not appropriate to hold the anniversary programme in such a situation. Hence we are cancelling the Doddaballapur event as well as the programme that had been planned at Vidhana Soudha," the Chief Minister announced at a hurriedly called press conference at 12.30 a.m. However, he would announce some of the new programmes for SC/STs at a press conference, the Chief Minister said.

He announced that the government had decided to form a anti-terrorist commando force to fight the menace and promised strict action against organisations like the Popular Front of India after creating a consensus among various States on proscribing the organisation.

Spectrum bids touch ₹1.49 lakh crore on Day 2

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Helped by good demand for spectrum across all available bands, the government received bids worth ₹1.49 lakh crore at the end of the second day of the auction, with bidding to continue on Thursday too.

About five rounds of bidding were conducted on Wednesday, taking the total number of rounds in the auction so far to nine.

'Good competition'

"I am happy that there is very good competition. Now there is competition in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands," Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

He expressed happiness that the demand was good for the spectrum in 700 MHz band that went unsold in the last two auctions, largely due to steep prices. "The 700 MHz is very important for providing coverage in far-flung areas."

On the first day of the auctions, the government had received record bids worth ₹1.45 lakh crore, surpassing the expectations of bids worth ₹80,000-90,000 crore from the entire auction. The previous record for government revenues was ₹1.09 lakh crore in auctions held in 2015.

India's 'golden' potential at Birmingham 2022

As the 22nd edition of the Commonwealth Games is set to begin in Birmingham on Thursday, a look at the Indians who could possibly finish on top of the podium:

Perry, the official mascot, greets the visitors. • AP

Athletics: Men's long jump: M. Sreeshankar; **Men's triple jump:** Paul Eldhose; **Women's discus:** Seema Antil

Badminton: Men's singles: K. Srikanth/Lakshya Sen; **Women's singles:** P. V. Sindhu; **Mixed team**

Boxing: Men's 63.5kg: Shiva Thapa; 92kg: Sanjeet Kumar; **Women's 48kg:** Neetu Ganghas; **50kg:** Nikhat Zareen; **70kg:** Lovlina Borgohain

Judo: Women's 78kg+: Tulika Maan

Squash: Women's doubles: Joshna Chinappa & Dipika Pallikal; **Mixed doubles:** Dipika Pallikal & Saurav Ghosal

Weightlifting: Men's 55kg: Sanket Sargar; **67kg:** Jeremy Lalrinunga; **73kg:** Achinta Sheuli; **Women's 49kg:** Mirabai Chanu; **55kg:** Bindyarani Devi

Wrestling: Men's 57kg: Ravi Dahiya; **65kg:** Bajrang Punia; **74kg:** Naveen; **86kg:** Deepak Punia; **Women's 53kg:** Vinesh Phogat; **57kg:** Anshu Malik; **62kg:** Sakshi Malik

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BSNL gets ₹1.64 lakh crore lifeline

Package includes 4G spectrum worth ₹44,993 cr.

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

In yet another effort to turnaround the state-owned telecom firm, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹1.64 lakh crore package for its revival.

The package, which has a cash component of ₹43,964 crore and a non-cash component of ₹1.2 lakh crore spread over four years, will include administrative allotment of 4G spectrum worth ₹44,993 crore. In addition, Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL) that was set up to implement the ambitious BharatNet project, will be merged with BSNL.

Other key components of the package include capex support of ₹22,471 crore, viability gap funding of ₹13,789 crore for rural wireline operations, debt structuring by raising of bonds with sovereign guarantee worth ₹40,399 crore and financial support for AGR (Adjusted Gross Revenue) dues worth ₹33,404 crore.

The Cabinet had in 2019 too cleared a package worth nearly ₹70,000 crore for the revival of BSNL and MTNL, while also giving an in-principle nod for their merger. "BSNL has actually turned around after the 2019 package. It has made an operating profit of almost ₹1,000 crore. This has given us confidence that it is now a stable company," said Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

He added that attrition of customers had stopped, and currently BSNL's market share was stable at about 10%, while revenues were now stable at around ₹19,000 crore.

"With the first package, BSNL became a stable entity-...with today's revival package it will become a viable entity," the Minister added.

Good call | The government on Wednesday approved a package for the revival of state-owned telecom firm BSNL which recorded the biggest loss among CPSEs* in FY21

Capex support

The Cabinet had approved an allocation of 900/1800 MHz band spectrum worth ₹44,993 crore to support 4G services of BSNL, he said, adding that this would allow the firm to compete in the market and provide high-speed data. The government would fund a capex of ₹22,471 crore over the next four years to "boost development and deployment of *Atmanirbhar* 4G stack".

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DGCA scales down SpiceJet flights by half

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has ordered SpiceJet not to fly more than 50% of its scheduled flights for the next eight weeks following a show-cause notice it served on the airline for "degraded" safety.

Experts call the order an "eyewash" as the airline was already flying much less than the flights approved by the safety regulator for the summer schedule.

For example, on July 26, industry sources said the airline operated only 204 departures or 34% out of an average 598 daily departures approved by the DGCA.

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The street, in 360-degree panoramic view

Google brings in 'Street View' to India after two earlier failed attempts by firm

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Google on Wednesday announced the launch of its popular 'Street View' feature in India – after failing to bring the experience to India at least twice in the past decade, following security concerns raised by government agencies over collection of data.

For the launch this time, Google has partnered with two Indian firms – mapping solutions provider Genesys International and Tech Mahindra. Under the National Geospatial Policy, 2021, local companies can collect such data and foreign firms can license the data from Indian entities to serve their customers in the country.

The India launch marks the first time in the world that Street View, which allows users to view panoramic and street-level 360 degree views of a particular place, is being brought to life completely by local partners.

The Archaeological Survey of India had earlier tied up with Google to enable a virtual tour of heritage sites. • FILE PHOTO

Ten cities for now

Starting Wednesday, Street View will be available on Google Maps with fresh imagery licensed from local partners covering 1,50,000 km across 10 cities in India – Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Nashik, Vadodara, Ahmednagar, and Amritsar.

Google, Genesys International, and Tech Mahindra plan to expand this to more than 50 cities by the end of 2022, and cover a little under one million unique km over the 18-24 months.

"The new geospatial policy allows local entities to do the data collection at a certain level of fidelity. So our partners here, they configure the cameras, they go and do the data collection. They own the data that they collect, but then they license it to entities like Google, so we can actually integrate it and offer services like Google Maps," Miriam Karthika Daniel, VP - Google Maps Experiences, told reporters.

To launch Street View, users need to open Google Maps, zoom into a road in any of the target cities, and tap the area they want to view.

The company also announced partnerships with local traffic authorities to improve road safety and reduce traffic congestion.

'ACB blissfully ignored ABC of procedure'

It registered FIR without collecting even basic details, High Court observes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Scrutinising the manner of probe done by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in a case, the High Court of Karnataka said that "the ACB blissfully ignored the ABC of procedure" by throwing norms to the wind in registering an First Information Report against a public servant.

Also, the court said the ACB has "acted in hottest haste" in preparing a source information report within 24 hours without even collecting basic details of sources of income and approximate percentage of disproportionate assets prior to registering the FIR.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while quashing the FIR registered on March 16, 2022, against 37-year-old K.R. Kumar Naik, executive engineer of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (Bescom), Nelamangala, for allegedly possessing disproportionate assets.

The ACB had registered an FIR against J. Jnanendra Kumar, additional commissioner of transport, on March 15, 2022, for allegedly possessing disproportionate assets and premises belonging to Mr. Jnanendra and one Munavar Pasha were searched on March 16.

As some documents related to properties allegedly belonging to Mr. Naik were found in the flat of Mr. Pasha during the search on March 16, the ACB prepared a source report, registered an FIR, and obtained search warrant against Mr. Naik on March 16. The ACB on March 17 conducted searches on the premises belonging to Mr. Naik, who also owned a flat in the same apartment complex in which Mr. Pasha owned a flat.

No source information

On perusing the source information report prepared on Mr. Naik assets, the court found that ACB was not even aware of when Mr. Naik joined the service, the total number of years he had put in service, his native place, the income and liabilities of Mr. Naik and his dependents, and the annual property report submitted by the officer with his employer. Pointing out that many columns in the source information report were left blank, the court found that even the important column for mentioning approximate percentage of disproportionate was left blank. The check period, which is the most important ingredient of a source information report, was left vague by merely stating 'from the date of joining service to till date,' the court noted.

Noticing that the ACB's norm required preparation of source information report by a police inspector and such a report has to be vetted by a Deputy Superintendent of Police prior to registration of crime, the court found these procedures were thrown to the wind in the case of the petitioner.

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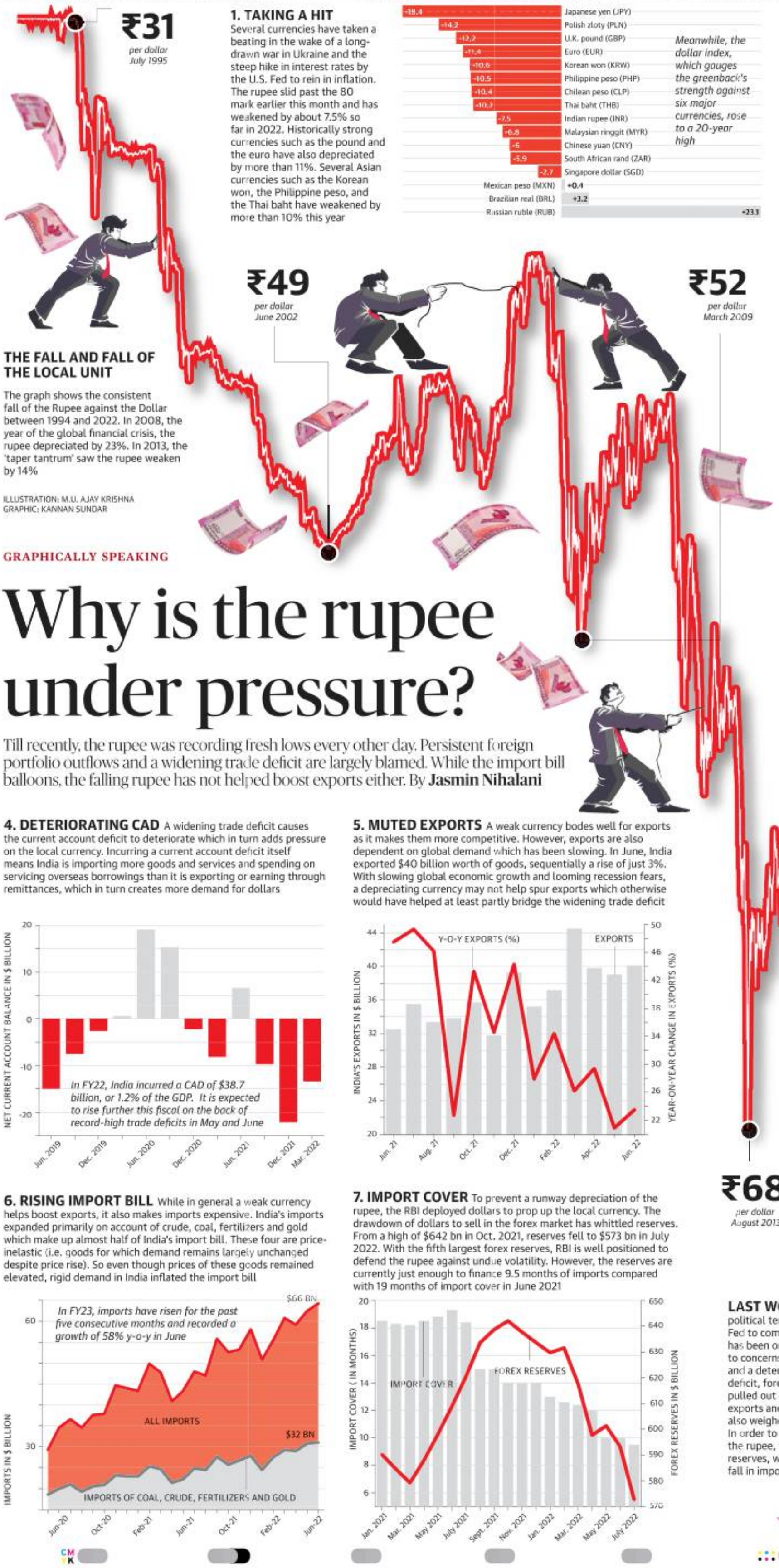
GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

Why is the rupee under pressure?

Till recently, the rupee was recording fresh lows every other day. Persistent foreign portfolio outflows and a widening trade deficit are largely blamed. While the import bill balloons, the falling rupee has not helped boost exports either. By **Jasmin Nihalani**



THE FALL AND FALL OF THE LOCAL UNIT

The graph shows the consistent fall of the Rupee against the Dollar between 1994 and 2022. In 2008, the year of the global financial crisis, the rupee depreciated by 23%. In 2013, the 'taper tantrum' saw the rupee weaken by 14%

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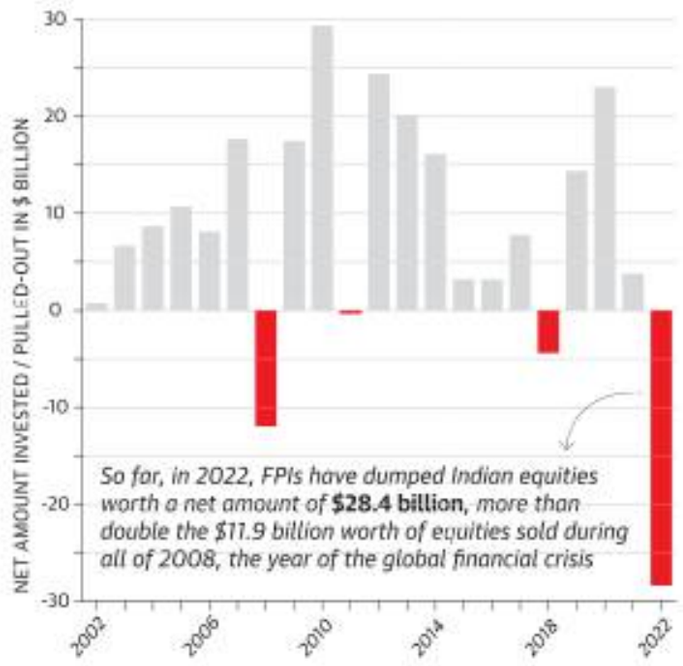
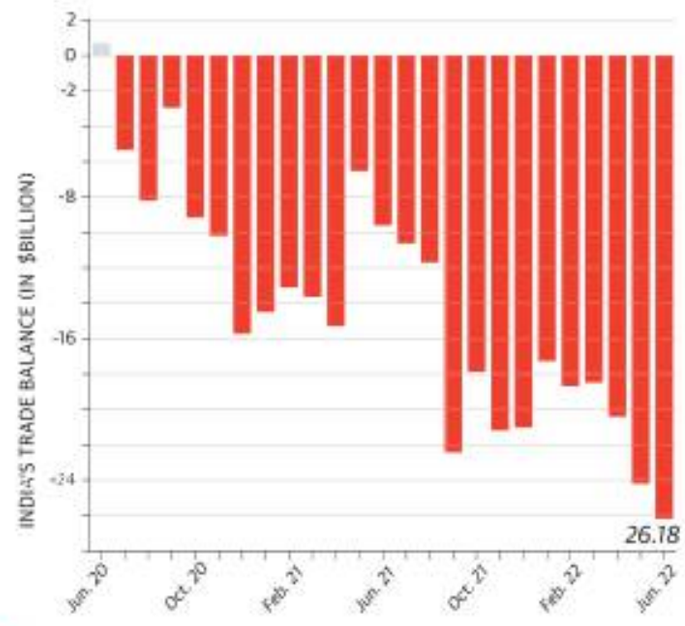
1. TAKING A HIT
Several currencies have taken a beating in the wake of a long-drawn war in Ukraine and the steep hike in interest rates by the U.S. Fed to rein in inflation. The rupee slid past the 80 mark earlier this month and has weakened by about 7.5% so far in 2022. Historically strong currencies such as the pound and the euro have also depreciated by more than 11%. Several Asian currencies such as the Korean won, the Philippine peso, and the Thai baht have weakened by more than 10% this year

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against six major currencies, rose to a 20-year high

2. PERSISTENT OUTFLOWS With the increase in key interest rates by the Fed and advanced economies also tightening policy, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have been on a selling spree. When the Fed raises its rates, overseas investors withdraw from riskier emerging markets and opt for safe-haven assets. This exacerbates the demand for the dollar and leads to a corresponding excess supply of the rupee, weakening the local unit.



3. WIDENING GAP Amid a weakening rupee and rising crude and commodity prices since the war in Ukraine, imports have become costlier. This has further widened the trade deficit that peaked at a record high of $26.18 billion in June 2022. Import growth outpaced that of exports. While exports rose by 23%, imports jumped by 58% in June. In the first quarter of FY23, the trade deficit ballooned to $70 billion compared with $31 billion in FY22



4. DETERIORATING CAD A widening trade deficit causes the current account deficit to deteriorate which in turn adds pressure on the local currency. Incurring a current account deficit itself means India is importing more goods and services and spending on servicing overseas borrowings than it is exporting or earning through remittances, which in turn creates more demand for dollars

5. MUTED EXPORTS A weak currency bodes well for exports as it makes them more competitive. However, exports are also dependent on global demand which has been slowing. In June, India exported $40 billion worth of goods, sequentially a rise of just 3%. With slowing global economic growth and looming recession fears, a depreciating currency may not help spur exports which otherwise would have helped at least partly bridge the widening trade deficit

6. RISING IMPORT BILL While in general a weak currency helps boost exports, it also makes imports expensive. India's imports expanded primarily on account of crude, coal, fertilizers and gold which make up almost half of India's import bill. These four are price-inelastic (i.e. goods for which demand remains largely unchanged despite price rise). So even though prices of these goods remained elevated, rigid demand in India inflated the import bill

7. IMPORT COVER To prevent a runway depreciation of the rupee, the RBI deployed dollars to prop up the local currency. The drawdown of dollars to sell in the forex market has whittled reserves. From a high of $642 bn in Oct. 2021, reserves fell to $573 bn in July 2022. With the fifth largest forex reserves, RBI is well positioned to defend the rupee against undue volatility. However, the reserves are currently just enough to finance 9.5 months of imports compared with 19 months of import cover in June 2021

LAST WORD Amid the geo-political tensions and increases by the Fed to combat U.S. inflation, the rupee has been on a downward spiral. Due to concerns over rising local inflation and a deteriorating current account deficit, foreign portfolio investors have pulled out of Indian equities. Slowing exports and an inflated import bill have also weighed down the local currency. In order to iron out sharp volatility in the rupee, the RBI has dipped into its reserves, which however has led to a fall in import cover

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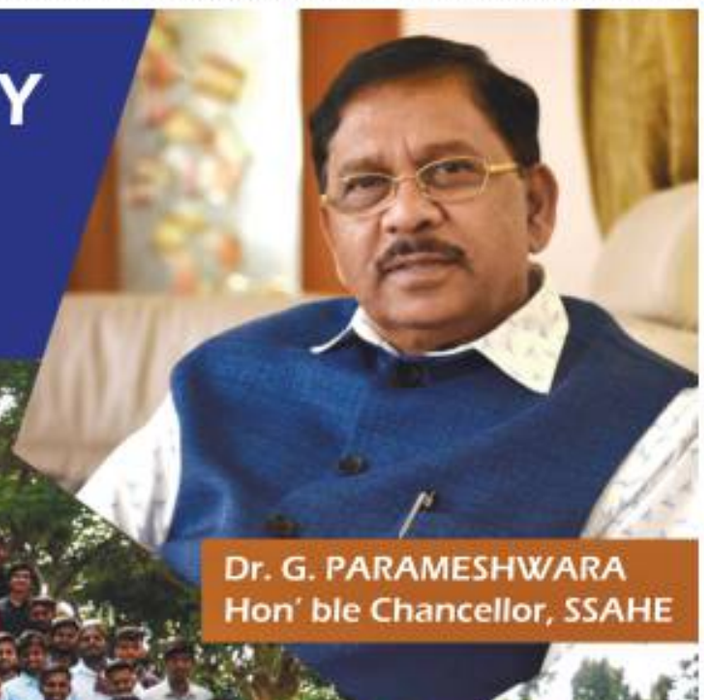

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Crying need for government, industrial funding to IISc: Kris

Pandemic has given people time to understand their capabilities, he says

Students with Chairman of Odisha Skill Development Authority Subroto Bagchi and co-founder of Infosys Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan during the convocation in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

"The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is competing at the global level and not at the national level. This is why there is a crying need for government and industrial funding to the institute to grow in the coming days," said Senapathy Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Axilor Ventures Pvt. Ltd. and co-founder, Infosys, and also the Chair of IISc Council, speaking at the convocation ceremony of IISc on Wednesday.

Mr. Gopalakrishnan said the last few years of the pandemic have given people the time to understand their capabilities.

"The adaptation and usage of digital technology accelerated in the last two to three years. I hope that we do not give this up and this becomes our way of life going forward," he said.

A total of 344 students across various branches received their degrees at the convocation ceremony. While 246 of them were PhD and Master's degree students, 98 were undergraduate students. Of them, 64 students were conferred medals for their academic excellence.

Speaking at the event, Subroto Bagchi, Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority, and co-founder, Mindtree, elaborated on the importance of giving (contributing) to many aspects in life, including relationships, society and building of institutions.

He also recalled experiences from various stages of his life, which taught him the importance of giving. Along with the existing courses, IISc has also introduced programmes like MSc (Biology and Chemistry), BTech (Mathematics and Computing) and MTech (Bioengineering) this academic year.

It was also mentioned that excavation has begun for the construction of the postgraduate medical college and a 800-bed hospital for which ₹425 crore were donated by Mr. Bagchi and his wife along with Radha and N.S. Parthasarathy.

Medal winners pursue unique research programmes

IISC CONVOCATION CEREMONY

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The research work of gold medal winners at the convocation of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) expands across various fields like aerospace engineering, medical imaging, neuroscience, physics, applied physics, and many more.

A conversation with some of these awardees gives a peek into the work they are doing at the institute, which has applications in the field of health, technology, and even studies that are similar to the work Elon Musk is doing.

Monkey lab

When Shubhankar Saha came to the city in 2018 from West Bengal to join IISc, he was scared and nervous about the life that awaited him. Come 2022, he was conferred a gold medal for his work in the Department of Biological Sciences. He has enrolled into an integrated PhD programme.

"This certification is for my master's attached to my PhD degree. I have now joined the Centre for Neuroscience and am in the second year of PhD, which is where I am doing really interesting work in our monkey lab," he said.

"As a doctoral student, I am working on understanding how our brain understands physical reasoning in the world. We are studying neurophysical recordings (which are obtained directly from their brain) from the behaviour of monkeys. We assess the visual behaviour (eye movements) of the monkeys to decode their cognitive abilities. This is somewhat similar to how Elon Musk tried to study monkeys' behaviours with his electrode project," Mr. Saha explained.

He added that he is also doing human behavioural and functional MRI studies.

Mini - COVIDNet

Navchethan Awasthi, who won the medal under the PhD programme category, developed a network model called Mini - COVIDNet while working in medical imaging. Along with other researchers, he developed a lightweight mobile friendly, efficient deep learning model which could detect COVID-19 based on ultrasound images of lungs.

"The lightweight model can further be developed as a mobile application. Artificial intelligence (AI) models can be used for classification of COVID-19 and non COVID-19 patients," he said. Post completion of his PhD, he is now working as an assistant professor at the University of Amsterdam.

Numerical model

Another engineering research medal-winning student developed a numerical model for combustion in aircraft during his master degree in the aerospace engineering department. Continuing his PhD in the same lab, he is now working on extending the model to study the soot formation in aircraft and its removal. "Soot is an important concern as it has an impact on climate change", said Anindya Datta.

Recruitment scam: CID submits chargesheet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The CID on Wednesday filed their first chargesheet in the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam.

The 3,000-odd page chargesheet lists 202 witnesses, 330 material evidences, 30 accused, including a few police officers of the Karnataka Police Recruitment Cell, 14 candidates found to have been involved in foul play, and seven middlemen. Curiously, the chargesheet doesn't name suspended Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Amrit Paul as an accused.

"Mr. Paul was arrested recently and we have ample time to file chargesheet against him. The probe into his role is not yet completed. We will file it within the stipulated 90 days," a CID source said.

The chargesheet lists suspended Dy. SP Shantha Kumar of the Recruitment Cell an an accused in the case. It alleges that Shantha Kumar, who was in-charge of the strong room where answer scripts of the written exam were kept, tampered with the OMR sheets of the candidates by switching off CCTV cameras for three hours.

It alleges that the accused got a pecuniary benefit of ₹2.5 crore. Shantha Kumar, who was assigned as supervisor in-charge of the strong room, through his team approached the candidates offering to get PSI posts for a price and collected lakhs of rupees.

The PSI recruitment exam was held in October last year in 93 centers across the State and the OMR sheets were sent to CID headquarters and stored in strong room situated in the Annex building.

Co-operative bank employee ends life over harassment by loan app executives

The 52-year-old was found dead on the railway track

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Harassment by mobile-based loan app executives has allegedly pushed a co-operative bank employee to end his life. The body of the deceased Nandakumar T., 52, a resident of Nagadevanahalli and an employee with a private co-op. bank, was recovered on the railway tracks between Nayandahalli and Kengeri on Monday.

The police recovered a death note in which he reportedly blamed harassment by loan app executives. The deceased's wife has confirmed his handwriting on the letter.

Investigations have revealed that Nandakumar had borrowed loan from mobile apps and was repaying them. However, whenever there was a delay in repayment, he would get calls from the executives of the loan apps threatening with dire consequences and hurling abuses at him. They were also allegedly sending his morphed photographs to him and his family members and others on his contact list.

Nandakumar had even filed a complaint with the Cyber Crime Police and filed a petition with the Karnataka and Maharashtra police requesting them to ban 46 mobile loan apps, which are harassing the gullible public.

Shobha N.S., wife of Nandakumar, requested the police to take legal action against 46 mobile loan apps and a friend of Nandakumar, from whom he had borrowed a loan and was allegedly harassing him to repay.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered an FIR charging mobile loan apps and the deceased's friend, charging them under various sections of IT Act, 2000 and also under abetment to suicide.

The Hindu recently reported on the numerous cases being filed with the Cyber Crime police in the city, over loan apps. Almost one in every 10 cyber crime cases filed in the city pertain to loan apps, the police said. Despite repeated requests, playstores are displaying a lax attitude, not doing due diligence and not removing these apps.

(Those in distress or those having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help).

Claims over Idgah Maidan to be decided by Saturday

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Claims over Chamarajpet's Idgah Maidan by Karnataka State Board of Auqaf will be decided by the city's civic body by Saturday, Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said on Wednesday.

After a dispute over the ownership of the Idgah Maidan arose in June – while Wakf Board claims ownership, BBMP records show it has the khata of the property – the civic body asked the Wakf Board to make a claim with the civic body submitting relevant documents seeking a khata transfer and the civic body would consider the same. The Wakf Board made that application providing as proof the 1964 Supreme Court order over the land and a June, 1965 Wakf Notification by Government of Karnataka. "Joint Commissioner (West) is seized on the matter and it is a quasi judicial procedure in which nobody else can interfere," said Mr. Giri Nath.

Cell phone usage continues unabated in Parappana Agrahara prison

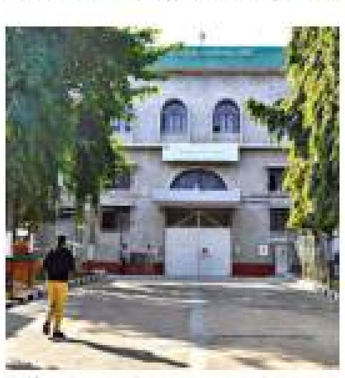
Porous prison security leads to unearthing of 33 phones on Tuesday

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Staffers at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison on Tuesday caught red-handed Nagendra K., a convict, using mobile phone in the kitchen room of tower-2. Nagendra attacked the prison staff and abused them after he was caught operating the phone. The officials handed over the phone to the police seeking detailed investigations.

The incident comes in the backdrop of a recent surprise visit by Home Minister Araga Jnanendra to the prison over unchecked contraband like mobile phones and narcotics. Triggered by the Home Minister's recent visit and Tuesday morning's incident, Chief Superintendent of Parappana Agrahara Central Prison P.S. Ramesh launched a two-hour surprise check for contraband at all the barracks on Tuesday night.

Officials recovered 33 mobile phones with several SIM cards found outside the barracks and washrooms. The seized mobile phones have been handed over to the Parappana Agarahara police for a technical analysis to uncover who used it and to make calls to whom. The two-hour search operations conducted by the prison staff not only exposed security lapses at the high-security prison but also led the officials to suspect the involvement of insiders who smuggle phones and drugs inside the prison.



Officials say they were unable to check mobile usage despite 18 network jammers in the prison.

Ineffective jammers

Prison officials said they were unable to check mobile usage despite 18 network jammers at the prison, as all the jammers installed were for 3G mobile network, while all the SIM cards and mobile phones recovered on Tuesday night were 4G network enabled.

Following an incident, where a terror suspect lodged in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison made a call to Pakistan in 2011, the State government installed mobile jammers at the prison complex. The last update to the jammers was made in 2018 when Electronic Corporation of India, Hyderabad, installed 18 3G mobile network jammers at a cost of ₹7 crore and since then there has been no upgrade, while 4G network has almost become the norm in the market today.

The Prison Department has now asked the ECIL, Hyderabad, and BEL to upgrade the jammers to block 5G mobile network. A decision to this effect was taken at the first meeting of the Karnataka Prisons Development Corporation meeting chaired by Mr. Jnanendra recently.

Meanwhile, prison officials also obtained gadgets such as door frame metal detectors, handheld metal detectors and other electronic gadgets for surveillance and regular surprise checks at the prison, another official part of the recent raid said. Apart from registering a case at the jurisdictional police station, a high-level inquiry has been initiated to ascertain how the contraband was smuggled into the prison despite three-tier security cover.

Injured constable shifted to Hosmat Hospital

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Police constable Sharana Basava, 29, attached to the Shivaji Nagar police station, who met with an accident in the early hours of Sunday on the outskirts of Chittoor and was admitted in CMC Vellore Hospital, has been shifted to Hosmat Hospital on Wednesday for surgery.

Upon reaching the hospital, a team of doctors examined him and found multiple fractures in the hip bone, backbone, ribs and injuries in the lung and urinary bladder. He is said to be stable.

Meanwhile, the condition of Police Sub-Inspector Deeksith, who was also injured in the accident, is stable and he has been shifted to the ward. Mr. Deeksith underwent surgery on the right forearm.

Minister visits

Araga Jnanendra, Home Minister, and C.H. Pratap Reddy, Commissioner of Police, visited the hospital on Wednesday and spoke to the officers and wished them a speedy recovery. Mr. Jnanendra also spoke to their family members and assured them of all help from the government.

Spellbee International announces winners

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

SpellBee International declared the results of its International Championship 2021-22.

A total number of 29 students have emerged as winners at the International Level (from Grades 1 to 9) and are being inducted to their Hall of Fame this year. Delhi Public School (South Bengaluru branch), National Public School (Whitefield branch), New Horizon Gurukul, Kensri School from Bengaluru, Chrysalis High (Varthur), and The HDFC School (Nehru Nagar) have exhibited exceptional performance by producing winners in the International Level.

Medals awarded

All the participants are being awarded with category-based medals and certificates, Spellbee International in a release said.

CORRIGENDUM

The opening date of the following tender advertised vide Notice No. **04/2022**, Dated : **27-06-2022** may please be read as under : **Tender No.** : 04225085, **Tender Opening date:** 04-08-2022 at 15.30 hrs. ***instead of*** 26-07-2022 at 15.30 hrs.; **Tender No.** : 04225061, **Tender Opening date:** 02-08-2022 at 15.30 hrs. ***instead of*** 26-07-2022 at 15.30 hrs.; For details please visit in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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UBLS - Repair / Replacement of Valley Gutters and Roof Leakages of Carriage Furnishing Shop in Hubballi Workshop.	Rs. 97,07,247.90

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PROVISION OF INTERMEDIATE BLOCK SIGNALLING OVER RANGIYA DIVISION

Tender Notice No.: RN-ST-14-2022-23, **Date**: 23-07-2022. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of Work** : Provision of IBS (Intermediate Block Signalling) over Rangiya Division of N.F. Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹ 3,07,56,693.08; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,03,800/-; Closing at **15:30** hrs. and opening at **16:00** hrs. on **26-08-2022**. For details please visit in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Mr.Mohammed Shokath**, S/o Mr.Mohammed Ismail to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original sale deed bearing doc.no.4420/1981-82, in Book-1, Volume No.776 at pages 107 to 109, dated: 08.02.1982, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Srirampuram, Bangalore, is lost.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **07 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

Schedule : All the piece and parcel of property bearing No.1 in Sy.No.181, Old Sy.No.96, situated at **Shamanna Nagar, Guddadahalli, Bangalore-560 026**, Measuring East to west: 30-0 Feet and North to South: 20-0 Feet, in all measuring 600 Square Feet and bounded on: **East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Private Property, South by : Property No.2.**

Raviprakash.H.C, Advocate,
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FORM No. 15
IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 1365 of 2021

M/s. CANARA BANK
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Sri VENKATASHAMAPPA
(since deceased) by his Legal Heir/Son & Another
....DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFT. Nos. 1 & 2 ISSUED UNDER RULE 16 (III) OF DRT REGULATIONS-2015

Deft. No.1: **Sri VENKATASHAMAPPA** (since deceased) by his Legal Heir/Son Sri. MANJUNATHA V., the 2nd Deft. herein.

Deft. No.2: **Sri. MANJUNATHA V.** Aged about 52 Years, S/o. Late Venkatashamappa, R/@. Koramangala Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562110.

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Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

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This is to inform the general public that my client is in the process of negotiating and purchasing property more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder, from its Owners, **Sri.Girish Sinha and Smt. Harithamma.D.** Any person's having objection/s or claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction. Please note that the claims whatsoever, if any, arise in future, shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that Property being a Residential vacant **Site bearing No.493/F** formed in the layout known as Judicial Layout and formed by The Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore at several survey numbers in Allalsandra, Chikkabommasandra and Jakkur Plantation of Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and presently bearing New Municipal No.41/531/493/F Judicial Layout, Yelahanka New Town Sub-Division, Municipal Ward No.04 of Yelahanka, Bangalore and forming part of the layout measuring East to West:40 Feet 6 Inches and North to South: 30 Feet in all Measuring **1,218 Square Feet** and bounded by:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify General Public that, **Smt.G.V.Prabha** has intended to purchase the property bearing Katha No.45, PID No.73-30-45, previously eastern portion of Site No.1, Old HASB Katha No.475, situated at Manjunatha Layout, Murugesh Palya, NAL Wind Tunnel Road Cross, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring about East to West 20 feet AND North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 800 Sq Ft., from it's owner **Smt.R.Kokila**, with the financial assistance of Union Bank of India. It is represented by said **Smt.R.Kokila**, that she had lost/misplaced his previous original Title Deed bearing No.2506/83-84, Book-I, Vol.1987, Pages 247-250, office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Katha No.45, PID No.73-30-45, previously eastern portion of Site No.1, Old HASB Katha No.475, situated at **Manjunatha Layout, Murugesh Palya, NAL Wind Tunnel Road Cross, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West 20 feet AND North to South 40 feet, in all measuring **800 Sq Ft.**, along with building thereon and the same is bounded by:

East : Site No.2
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Government jobs

22.05 In crore, the number of candidates who applied for central government jobs during 2014 and 2022, out of which 7.22 lakh were recommended to be appointed by the recruiting agencies, according to Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh. Of these 38,850 were recruited during 2021-22, while 78,555 were recruited in 2020-21. Production Linked Incentive schemes were set up with an outlay of ₹1.97 lakh crore to create jobs, the Minister said. PTI

Monkeypox cases

18,000 The total number of monkeypox cases recorded globally in 78 countries, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). A majority of these cases are in Europe. WHO declared the outbreak a global health emergency on Saturday. So far, 98% of cases outside the countries in Africa where the virus is endemic have been reported in men who have sex with men, the WHO said. The UN agency is recommending vaccination for all high-risk groups. REUTERS

Uranium ore deposits

15,631 In tonnes, the uranium ore deposits found in Rajasthan, according to Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh. The Minister said that the government was considering setting up an exploratory mining centre in Sikar district of Rajasthan where 14,471 tonnes of uranium ore deposits were discovered. He added that pre-project activities required for obtaining statutory clearances have been initiated by the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL). PTI

ISRO earnings

279 In $ million, the amount earned by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in foreign exchange by launching satellites for global clients, according to Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh. Mr. Singh said that the ISRO in association with its commercial arms has successfully launched 345 foreign satellites from 34 countries on-board Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLVs). The PSLV-C53 mission successfully launched three Singapore customer satellites namely DS-EO, NeuSAR and SCOOB-1. PTI

5G spectrum bid

1.45 In ₹ lakh crore, the amount bid by Jio, Adani and Airtel to buy fifth-generation (5G) airwaves on the opening day of India's largest-ever spectrum auction on Tuesday. Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the response on the first day of the auction exceeded all expectations and will surpass the records of 2015 when revenue collection from the auction stood at ₹1.09 lakh crore. Even the 700 MHz band, which had not seen any takers in the 2016 and 2021 auctions, received bids worth ₹39,270 crore. PTI

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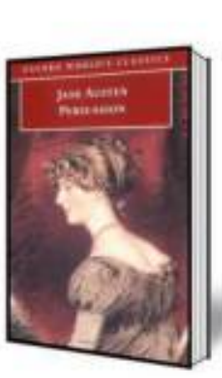
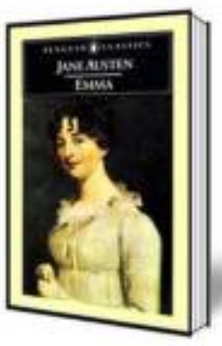
Anne, Instagrammed: Jane Austen made easy





Perhaps the best thing about Netflix's *Persuasion* is that it makes you go back to the original and appreciate the novelist anew

ANUSUA MUKHERJEE

Netflix's *Persuasion* is the latest addition to the Jane Austen spin-off industry, flourishing more than two centuries after her death. There are Jane Austen societies in the U.K. and the U.S. where people still pay her homage; her face graced a £10 note released in 2017, on the 200th anniversary of her passing; movies on her novels are regularly made; devoted fans hold Jane Austen picnics dressed in Regency costumes and cross swords with Brontë groups, their natural enemy.

Given the way she still informs discourses, Jane is the sister Shakespeare never had, her novels inspiring everything from pensive BBC classics to violent mash-ups featuring zombies or dominatrices. Netflix's *Persuasion* is expectedly OTT, with Austen's quiet, tentative heroine, Anne Elliot, behaving like a spiffy millennial who could have been a boss babe if she hadn't been restrained by 19th century mores (her love interest, Wentworth, tells her as much admiringly).

Perfect anti-heroine

Persuasion (1817), Jane Austen's last complete novel, is written in what might be called her 'late style'. The scathing wit of *Northanger Abbey* (completed in 1803, Austen's first novel) or *Pride and Prejudice* (1813) had been scaled down to something mellower, as if the author herself had reached a maturity that no longer allows of heedless mirth. At 27, Anne is an old maid by Regency standards, with the role of the kindly spinster aunt already earmarked for her.

She hasn't yet given up on everything, but if she still hopes, it's the kind of statutory hope that the mere act of living bestows. Anne might be seen as the perfect anti-heroine: already wise and self-possessed so that her story cannot be a coming-of-age tale like *Sense and Sensibility* or *Emma*. If Anne had been asked about Prince Charming she would probably have said he is a myth, a token of wish fulfilment for female authors like Austen. But then, Anne had her Wentworth. Judged by the Austen canon, Wentworth is a remarkably down-to-earth hero – no landed gentry like Darcy or Mr. Knightley (from *Emma*), but a self-made man who has made his way up in the navy. Anne had been persuaded to reject him initially, precisely because he wasn't rich all those years ago, when the two had met and fallen in love. In the intervening eight years, Anne kept her love alive, as did Wentworth.

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That the latter remained available is just a stroke of good luck and none is more surprised than Anne herself, with her resigned understanding of the ways of the world. Lightly sketched, he is more like a concession to the genre of romance to which Persuasion willy-nilly belongs. In real life, he would probably have disappeared midway, leaving Anne to find her way alone in the deep, dark woods.

But Anne has wandered alone in the dark woods for so long that she can easily find her way there. Her mother died when she was young, leaving her with her father and two sisters, who give one another stiff competition in their absolute selfishness. The mother substitute is Lady Russell, who always had Anne's back, barring one decisive occasion, which nearly undoes Anne's life. Lady Russell is the one who persuaded her to give up Wentworth arguing that he is not wealthy enough to support her. She had Anne's best interests in mind, of course, but Anne realises she shouldn't have been guided by her in making such a crucial decision.

Perils of a reader

Had she possessed Lady Russell's class prejudices, she wouldn't have fallen for Wentworth in the first place. Young women do make mistakes but Anne has always been sharp. In larger Europe, the Napoleonic wars, a lingering fallout of the French Revolution, are on and their implications are not lost on Anne, who is a reader, unlike her useless aristocratic family. In choosing Wentworth, she had cast her lot but the people around her are too set in their ways. The indictment of families that swear by dead traditions is evident: they must change their ways to survive, not Anne.

Austen paints Anne's isolation with subtle strokes. Her family is unbearable, she has nobody to talk to, and she is often overlooked in spite of being the most intelligent. Dakota Johnson, who plays Anne in Netflix's *Persuasion*, captures this aspect of her character well, talking to her pet rabbit and to the audience, Fleabag-style, in the absence of empathetic souls around her. In true Romantic-Victorian tradition, Anne's desolation is projected on to the landscape: the grey sea and the colourless sky of Lyme reflecting her mood in the movie as she is 'friendzoned' by Wentworth.

But all this is by way of atmospherics: Netflix's *Persuasion* doesn't plumb the depths of Austen's novel. It is Austen made easy, seen through Instagram filters. But then, classics survive all kinds of assault and *Persuasion* too will outlive this onslaught of the banal.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, what is the meaning of 'It is a good read'?"

"In colloquial English, 'read' is used as a noun. 'Read' means 'something for reading especially with reference to its value as entertainment or information.' 'It is a good read' means it is a good reading matter.

I am returning your book, I didn't find it a good read.

This magazine is a tolerable read.

'Read' also means 'a spell of reading', 'time spent in reading'.

I enjoy a weekly read of this magazine.

Could I have a read of your newspaper please?

Let me have another read of your book.

"Who is it that left just now sir? He has a good personality."

"He is a friend of mine. By the way, what do you mean by 'personality'?"

"I mean he has an impressive appearance."

"I see. But that is not the meaning of 'personality'. 'Personality' refers to the distinctive character of a person.

He has a strong personality.

He has a weak personality.

He does not have any personality worth speaking.

It also means 'a well-known person'. He is a TV personality. But it never means 'the physique or bodily structure.' In a personality test you try to measure the emotional, intellectual and psychological characteristics of a person. Personality refers to the 'qualities that make up a person's character'. 'Personality' refers to the 'qualities that make up a person's character."

"Sir, I have always thought it referred to physical appearance. Now I know what it really means."

"What is the difference between 'contentment' and 'satisfaction', sir?"

"A contented man feels that what he has is sufficient. He is happy with whatever he has, A contented man is not an ambitious man. 'Contentment' is a state of mind. 'Satisfaction' relates to things external. You are satisfied when your desires are fulfilled. But you will now have a new desire and till it is fulfilled, you won't have satisfaction, 'Satisfaction' is only for a short time. A contented man is never dissatisfied. A man who is looking for satisfaction will never be contented. Wealth, power and position cannot buy satisfaction. Under the same circumstances one may be content and another dissatisfied. I hope you are satisfied with my explanation. Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

The XXII Commonwealth Games gets underway today at Birmingham. A quiz on the Games' history

1 What is the single biggest contribution of Canadian sportswriter and editor Melville Marks Robinson to the Games' history?

2 The first Games, then called the Empire Games, was held in 1930 in Hamilton, Canada, and have been held every four years. In which two years were they not hosted and why?

3 India's first medal came at the 1934 Games with Rashid Anwar claiming a bronze. In which event?

4 What distinction do Australia, Canada, England, New Zealand, Scotland, and Wales have?

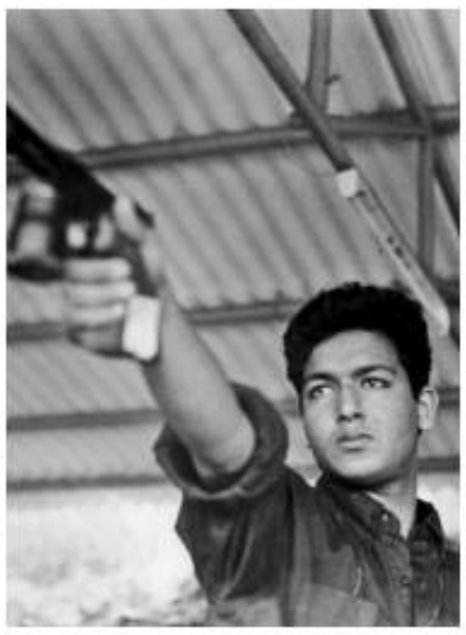
5 India is one of the nine nations to have hosted the Games. In which year did the event take place in New Delhi?

6 In which sport has India won the most medals at the CWG, with 135 podium finishes?

7 India ranks No. 4 in the all-time medal tally with 503 medals, including 181 golds. Which nation tops the overall list with 2,416 medals inclusive of 932 gold medals?

8 Which is the only sport on the Commonwealth Games programme that is not an Olympic event?

9 How many nations and territories are expected to take part in Birmingham?



◄ Name this Indian sportsperson who has won a whopping 15 medals in the Commonwealth Games • HINDU ARCHIVES

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Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers of the July 26 edition of the daily quiz: 1. On July 6, Sub Sector (West) of the Siachen Glacier witnessed a gallant action led by this young officer. **Ans: Capt. Haneefuddin, VrC**
2. Capt. Vikram Batra used this codename as his radio call sign during Op. Vijay. **Ans: Shershah**
3. This person was awarded the Param Vir Chakra posthumously for his bravery at Jubar Top of the Khalubar Hills in the Batalik Sector of Kargil. **Ans: Capt. Manoj Pandey, PVC**
4. The codename of the joined operations of the Indian Air Force and the Indian Army during the Kargil War. **Ans: Operation Safed Sagar**
5. The youngest recipient of the Param Vir Chakra. **Ans: Grenadier (later Subedar Major (Honorary Captain)) Yogendra Yadav**
6. 'The Tiger of Drass' is the biography of which armed forces officer. **Ans: Capt Anuj Nayyar, VrC**
7. Capt. Sachin Nimbalkar led a team to capture this feature in the Drass sector from the east in a multi-pronged attack on the night of 3/4 July 1999. **Ans: Tiger Hill Top**
8. Maj. Saravanan served as the President of the Students Union of which educational institution in Tamil Nadu. **Ans: St. Joseph's College, Tiruchi**
Visual: The location of this memorial. **Ans: Drass**

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Police partner with Google for better traffic management

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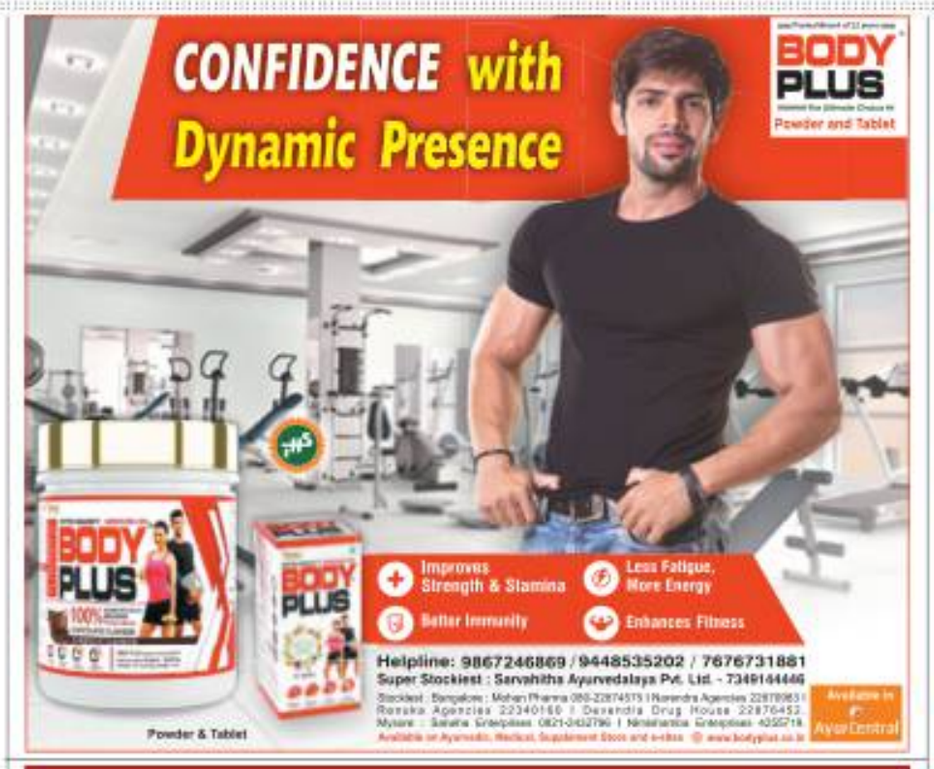
The Bengaluru Traffic Police is partnering with Google for a pilot project to optimise traffic signal configuration to reduce traffic signal wait time for commuters.

B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), said that Google has used Artificial Intelligence to look at the driving trends from Google maps to recommend a revised plan. This will reduce wait time at pilot signals by 20% per commuter, 400 hours per day per intersection, and 73,000 hours per year at the pilot intersections.

This will reduce congestion, wait time, fuel consumption, road rage, and greenhouse gas emissions, he said. If this is extended to other intersections across the city, one crore vehicles will benefit, he added.

The pilot project also includes live updates on road closures, incidents and other data. This will ensure that commuters get real-time updates and can use alternative routes through Google maps, he said.

BTP have shared hundreds of updates with Google as part of the project.



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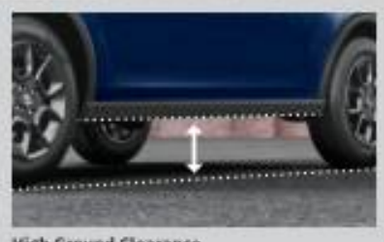
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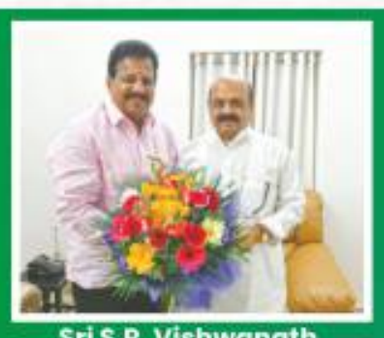
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One Year's Achievements at a glance

Peripheral Ring Road (PRR)

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Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

ERP aims for end to end Digitization of BDA activities, which enable to take a quick decision with an efficient record management system supported by real time analytics of data. The digitization would remove irregularities – mismanagement in land acquisition/site allotment/court cases/ duplication of process/fund management / inordinate delay etc.

Recovery of Encroached Land

1,89,190 Sq. Meters of Land / Sites is recovered from unauthorised occupation which is worth of about Rs. 1289.82 Crores, on the basis of Land Audit Report.

Resource Mobilization

e-Auction of about 3000 Corner and Intermediary Sites has realised Rs. 2404 crores. The Bank Loans are fully repaid and BDA is now Debt Free. e-Auction process is in progress for about 1500 Sites.

Focus on Infrastructure

BDA has taken up completion of all unfinished infrastructure works of all old Layouts at an expenditure of: Sir M.V. Layout – Rs. 200 crores, Banashanakari, Anjanapura, J P Nagar 8th & 9th Phase – Rs. 250 crores, Arkavathi Layout – Rs. 490 crores. Rs. 240 crores is being paid to BWSSB for development of Sewege network and STP in Sir M.V. Layout and Banashanakri and after completion the layouts will be handed over to BBMP for future maintenance.

Master Plan 2041

Considering the rapid growth of the Bangalore City and to meet the needs for next few decades, the preliminary exercises for Revision of the Master Plan-2041 is undertaken and is in advanced stage. The service of the consultant firm for preparation of RMP is being availed through transparent tender process.

Housing Projects

BDA has completed 9673 Flats/Houses out of which, 8594 Flats / Houses have been allotted. A total Revenue of Rs. 1376.50 crores has been generated by sale of Flats. 5500 flats which are under construction would be completed in the next one year. In the current year 780 dwelling units are completed and will be released for allotment to public soon.

Beautifying Bengaluru

Desilting of Bellandur and Varthur Lakes and Tank Bund maintenance works at a cost of Rs. 200 crore are being completed in a phased manner in compliance with GoK and National Green Tribunal directives.

Dr. K. Shivarama Karantha Layout

In view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order in the year 2018 and in compliance to the Committee constituted by Hon'ble Supreme Court, the award for nearly 2600 acres of land is already completed within a span of 8 months and Regularisation Certificate to the owners who had constructed the houses before 2018 are being issued after verification. Infrastructure works of Rs.2600 crores are being taken up in phase-1 and about 30,000 Sites will be formed and allotted in the coming 6 months.

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FRIDAY, JUL. 29
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RISE 06:23 SET 19:30

SATURDAY, JUL. 30
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Bengaluru Today
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Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower is likely.

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Kateel, Ministers gheraoed, heckled by party activists

There is no question of party ignoring its workers, says State BJP president

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Some of the top BJP leaders from coastal Karnataka were gheraoed and heckled by angry party activists at Bellare in Dakshina Kannada on Wednesday when they arrived to pay their respects to their Yuva Morch Committee member, 32-year-old Praveen Nettaru, who was murdered at Nettaru on Tuesday night.

The leaders were forced to flee from the scene as activists banged on and shook the car of party president and Dakshina Kannada MP Nalin Kumar Kateel. Minister for Energy and Kannada and Culture V. Sunil Kumar and Fisheries Minister S Angara also faced the wrath of party activists.

Minister of Kannada and culture V. Sunil Kumar with party workers at Bellare on Wednesday.

Slogans against leaders

Soon after the body arrived at Bellare where it was kept for public viewing, Mr. Kateel, Mr. Kumar, Mr. Angara and senior Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh functionary Kalladka Prabhakar Bhat offered their last respects. Then angry mourners raised slogans against Mr. Kateel and other leaders for ignoring party workers like Praveen and expressed their anguish over continued murders of right-wing activists.

As the activists started to heckle Mr. Kateel and other right-wing organisation functionaries, they soon left the place by another car. The activists saw the official car of Mr. Kateel, banged it and also shook it before police intervened to allow vehicles of Mr. Kateel and others to move.

Activists then assembled near a mosque and began pelting stones, at which point police resorted to lathi-charge to disperse them.

'Usual response'

Terming the angry reaction of party activists as "usual response" following the loss of a dedicated activist, Mr. Kateel said there was no question of BJP ignoring its workers. "We are all with family members of the deceased in this time of grief. We will work towards getting justice for him and there will be no politics in this," he said. "The Central and the State governments are capable of taking action against fundamentalist forces from Kerala and others who are suspected to be involved in this murder," he said.

Mr. Kumar said the murder of Praveen was "not an attack on an individual but an attack on ideology", which is happening across the country. "The police have already taken nine persons into custody. Senior police officers are in Dakshina Kannada for investigation. Steps are being taken to ensure that the perpetrators of the murder will get punishment," he said.

VHP South Karnataka Regional Joint Secretary Sharan Pumpwell said Praveen's murder should be investigated by National Investigation Agency.

Letter to Home Ministry

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking NIA probe into the murder of Praveen Nettaru. She pointed out that the assailants were on a Kerala-registered bike and alleged that they could be activists of PFI and SDPI.

Bommai: It appears to be a 'very planned' killing

'Killers might be taking shelter in Kerala'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said that the barbaric killing of BJP Yuva Morcha office-bearer Praveen Nettar in Puttur in Dakshina Kannada district was a planned act.

The Chief Minister said Praveen's killing appeared "very planned" and that there were similarities with other cases from the past. "We are studying the whole issue in total and we will get to the root of it," he said. Speaking to reporters here, he said the killers of Praveen would be nabbed soon.

Hinting at the possibility that the killers might have taken shelter in neighbouring Kerala, Mr. Bommai said the Karnataka police are in touch with their Kerala counterparts. "Since it is close to the Kerala border, the Superintendent of Police, Mangaluru, has spoken to the Superintendent of Police, Kasaragod. I had to speak to the DGP of Kerala. Whoever is behind this heinous act will be arrested soon," Mr. Bommai said.

He said the killing could have been a retaliation to the crackdown of the BJP government on some elements. "This is a planned conspiracy to create disturbance. We have taken stringent action against such elements. As a reaction, they are doing all this. We will beat them," Mr. Bommai said.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra condemned the killing of the youth leader of the party and said a senior ADGP rank official would go to Mangaluru and monitor the probe. He appealed to the people to maintain peace and order in the district.

State reports 1,624 new cases, 2 deaths

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Wednesday recorded 1,624 new COVID-19 cases, taking the total number to 39,99,766. With this, the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) stood at 4.87% and the weekly TPR touched 5.35%. Of the new cases, 1,176 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With two deaths, the State's toll touched 40,094. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

Oppn. slams govt. for failure to maintain law and order

'BJP is trying to politicise murder of party activist to cover up its failure'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Opposition parties have condemned the State government's failure to stop the murder of BJP Yuva Morcha leader on Tuesday night, and have sought the arrest of the culprits.

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah condemned the murder of BJP Yuva Morcha leader Praveen Nettaru in Dakshin Kannada and urged the police to arrest the murders and prevent unrest in the region.

"The police should take action against perpetrators without any bias," he said on Wednesday. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar urged the police to take action as per law and announce who was behind the murder and why. "Home Minister Araga Jnanendra and the government have failed in maintaining law and order. The BJP is trying to politicise the issue to cover up it's failure. There has to be a through investigation into the incident," he said.

'Don't be prejudiced'

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad while condemning the murder of Praveen, said, "The government should not be prejudiced even before the investigation is completed and the murderers have to be identified and arrested. The murder of innocent youths has to be stopped. Coastal people should maintain peace and not fall prey to exaggeration."

Stating that the State government has failed in preventing murders in the State after the murder of Harsha in Shivamogga, Janata Dal (Secular) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday asked why the State government was going ahead with celebrations (three years of the BJP regime and one-year tenure of Basavaraj Bommai).

"Peace has to prevail to celebrate. There has to be a sincere effort by all political parties under the leadership of religious heads to prevent the repeat of killings," he told presspersons here. He also said that the State had witnessed a spate of killings during the BJP and Congress tenures.

"There is no need for emotional speeches or lip sympathy. Instead of condoling deaths, the government should take steps to prevent them. Emotional issues and murders should not be used politically," Mr. Kumaraswamy said.

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Amid protests, BJP youth wing activist laid to rest

Amid heavy police deployment, the procession moved to Bellare, 30 km away. Midway, people stopped the procession and offered respects.

The procession reached Bellare around 1 p.m. and the body was kept for public viewing.

When BJP State president and Dakshina Kannada MP Nalin Kumar Kateel, and Ministers V. Sunil Kumar and S. Angara arrived to pay respects, they were mobbed by angry party activists who raised slogans, forcing them to leave quickly.

The body was finally taken to Nettaru by late afternoon and laid to rest by 4.30 p.m. at the site recently bought by him to build a new house.

Praveen was attacked around 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday by three motorcycle-borne assailants with sharp weapons as he was preparing to leave for home from his poultry farm. His friend Madhu Kumar, who was in the farm, rushed Praveen to a private hospital in Puttur where he succumbed to injuries. Mr. Kumar reportedly saw the assailants fleeing towards Puttur.

The death sparked protests by BJP activists who prevented the body from being shifted to the government hospital. They relented only after Deputy Commissioner K.V. Rajendra visited the spot and persuaded them.

Superintendent of Police Rishikesh Sonawane said four teams have been formed to trace the assailants.

Music event

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Gayana Samaj is organising its 52nd music conference from October 9 to 16.

According to a release, veena expert D. Balakrishna has been elected as the conference president. He will be honoured with the 'Sangeetha Kalarathna' award which carries a purse of ₹50,000 and a citation. Senior mridangam artist M. Vasudeva Rao will be honoured with the title 'Karnataka Kalacharya'.

Ambulance management system: Court seeks status report

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday directed the State government to submit status report by October 27 on the progress made in the tender process for procuring the hi-tech ambulance management and operation system in Bengaluru and other cities.

A Division Bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty issued the direction after the government submitted a tentative timeline for completing the tender process.

As per the tentative timeline, the tender is likley to be invited on August 30 after the clearance by the pre-tender scrutiny committee, and the tender process is likely to be completed by mid-November.

The government has submitted the tentative timeline as the court had earlier expressed displeasure over undue delay in implementation of new ambulance management system even though the proposal for modernising the system was started two years ago.

'Adhere to timeline'

Meanwhile, the Bench directed the government to adhere to the timeline and adjourned further hearing till October 27 on the PIL petition filed by Bharat Punarothana Trust, Bengaluru.

The petition had pointed out the constraints for movement of ambulances particularly in Bengaluru city, and the government in August 2020 had told the court that a new system to modernise the ambulance management is in the pipeline.

Curious visitors

The 'Seeds of Culture' exhibition, organised at the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum in collaboration with the National Centre for Biological Sciences, provides an overview of the influences of Indian traditional knowledge in botany and medicine in the global context. The exhibition will be stationed in Bengaluru for six months, after which it will be travelling to other parts of the country. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Ramanagaram to host tourism conclave to showcase potential areas of investment

B.S. SATISH KUMAR
BENGALURU

The State government is holding a tourism conclave in Ramanagaram district on Friday as part of efforts to develop the district as a prominent tourism hub.

"We will be inviting entrepreneurs and potential investors from the tourism sector, including those in the hospitality sector, to the proposed conclave to be held at Galibore in Kanakapura taluk on Friday. We will showcase all the potential of the district in the tourism sector at the conclave and invite investments," Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also in charge of Ramanagaram district, told *The Hindu*.

He said the government would provide assistance to the investors in terms of expediting necessary clearances and creating infrastructure.

"Ramanagaram district has high tourism potential. While river Cauvery flows through the district, Kanva and Manchanabele dams too provide tourism opportunities. The district has rocky areas that make it ideal for mountaineering and adventure tourism," he said.

According to him, the government is looking at exploring various forms of tourism opportunities provided by the district, including agri tourism, adventure tourism, water sports, and temple and culture tourism.

"We want to help farmers to earn extra income by exploring the possibility of agricultural tourism in the district under which urbanites would visit the farms to have a first-hand experience of farming. Ramanagaram is not just ideal for agricultural tourism, but also has variety in agriculture," he said, while referring to its prowess in silk industry and mango cultivation. The plans include developing the birth place of Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda in Magadi taluk as a tourist circuit.

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Market-goers return home with cloth bags

As part of Cheela Mela organised by an NGO, visitors to K.R. Market were given cloth bags for free

Members of Sahas, a city-based NGO, distributing cloth bags at K.R. Market in Bengaluru. • OLIVIA DEBROY

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BLESSY BABU
BENGALURU

When people went to K.R. Market on Tuesday, they returned with things more than vegetables, fruits or flowers. They came out with a change from their routine of having plastic bags to carrying cloth bags.

As part of the Cheela Mela organised by Sahas (a city-based NGO), in association with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the visitors to K.R. Market were distributed cloth bags for free which were made by self-help groups (SHG).

Enforcement of ban on single-use plastic (SUP) started from July 1. However, there is little awareness of the ban. K.R. Market being one of the biggest markets in Bengaluru, it alone uses large quantities of plastic bags.

The mela sought to encourage market patrons to use cloth bags. The SHG had invited people to bring their old garments which they repurposed into cloth bags on the spot and asked them to henceforth these bags for shopping. "At the market, we provided around 2,500 cloth bags reaching out to almost 3,000 people in a day," said Veerendra S.V., Project Manager at Sahas.

The team also notified the market sellers about SUP ban and asked them to cease providing plastic bags to their consumers.

"Even after the ban of SUPs, we saw several sellers using plastic bags and when asked about it, they said that if plastic bags aren't provided then they lose their customers and due to this they are reluctant to change into cloth or paper bags," said Mansi A.T., Project Coordinator at Sahas, who was present during the mela.

The vendors at the market were not inclined to make a change. "If I switch to cloth bags, I will have to pay an extra amount which would be more than my profit since one bag costs a lot. Also, if I don't provide a bag to my customers, I will lose them," said a flower vendor at the market.

"Losing a customer is a nightmare and to satisfy their needs, we provide plastic bags. After the implementation of this ban, it has become quite difficult for us and the customers to accept this change. This is affecting our profit margin," said a vegetable vendor.

Water adalat to be held today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the following sub-divisions: South 2-2, South 2-1, South West 2-3, South West 2-2, South East 1-3, East 2-3, North West-1-2, North 1-2, and North 1-1.

According to a release, the adalat is being held to settle grievances connected to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection, and other related issues. For problems regarding the water supply, consumers can contact helpline number 1916 or WhatsApp 8762228888.

'Nine rainwater harvesting pits can be constructed on metro Yellow Line'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A recent survey by the ActionAid India has recognised that there are opportunities to construct nine rainwater harvesting pits near the metro pillars of RV Road Metro Station on the Yellow Line.

The report titled 'A survey of RWH opportunities at RV Road Metro Station (Yellow Line)' has added that there are opportunities to construct seven water tanks and nine rainwater harvesting pits, in the park adjacent to the metro station.

The survey was conducted after the researchers noticed that the rainwater collected near the RV Road metro station was being discharged onto the footpaths and thereby was being wasted. The survey was conducted between July 15 and 19 and included 35 pillars between Marenahalli Road in J.P. Nagar and Rashtreeya Vidyalaya Road in Jayanagar.

The report further said that harvesting rainwater will also benefit the park nearby, which needs water throughout the year for the plenty of trees which lie within. "Sustaining common spaces like parks need regular water supply during dry weather conditions. Borewell is the one of the main sources of water for sustaining the park and biodiversity around it. Storing water in tanks and re-charging groundwater through RWH pits around the park would contribute for sustained water needs".

Water conservation experts pointed out that while it is necessary for Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) to construct new rainwater harvesting pits near all metro stations, there is also no accountability for the already constructed pits. "We do not get any clear data about how much water is being collected and how the water is being recharged under the soil."

Just like they provide us passenger data, BMRCL should also make a dashboard on their website to show us this data," said Kshithij Urs, environmentalist.

ActionAid has already submitted its report to BMRCL officials, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and other officers.

A SPACE MARKETING INITIATIVE

A new era in bilateral trade for ASEAN countries open up

Dr. P Shyama Raju elected as Trade Commissioner of Karnataka for INDIA ASEAN TRADE COUNCIL

Bangalore,
July 27, 2022:

It was a significant day for Karnataka and REVA University in particular as the INDIA ASEAN SUMMIT 2022 was organised at the REVA University Bangalore campus on Wednesday. Diplomats and bureaucrats from the South East Asian countries participated in the event and delivered key insights on the bilateral relations between India and ASEAN countries.

The chief guests for the event were H.E. Mr Moe Kyaw Aung (Ambassador of Myanmar in India), H.E. Mr Bounneme Chouanghom (Ambassador of Laos in India), H.E. Mr Ung Sean (Ambassador of Cambodia in India).

Speaking at the event H.E Mr Moe Kyaw Aung said that he is extremely honoured to be part of the summit at REVA University campus. He says, " This event is particularly relevant this year as we celebrate 30 years of ASEAN India relation. ASEAN is the key factor for the Indian Government in bringing development to the North Eastern regions. I am confident that in the post-COVID world, the ties between India and Myanmar have a long way to go. I hope that the summit will be a great platform to foster bilateral relations between the two countries from the perspective of bilateral trade and regional context. Coupled with various bilateral policies, it will contribute to forging closer cooperation between the two countries."

He adds, "India is the 11th largest investor in Myanmar and as per the new permission, 36 Indian investor companies are granted permission in Myanmar as of July 2022 amounting to 717 million US dollars. In the fiscal year 2020-21, the bilateral trade investment stands at 1.4 billion dollars.

The other chief guest, H.E. Mr. Bounneme Chouanghom (Ambassador of Laos in India) also spoke in length about the bilateral relations between India and Laos.

Addressing the crowd, he spoke at length about the bilateral relations between India and Laos. He said, "When AEC was formed in 2015, it gave new opportunities for LOAS in fostering and improving better relationship ties between ASEAN countries. Laos will play a big role in the supply chain management in these countries including India."

He also adds, "Laos-India relation is very cordial and Laos is extremely happy about the role India plays in bringing infrastructural and other bilateral relations between the ASEAN countries. We wish to continue this cooperation in the future as well."

H. E Mr. Ung Sean (Ambassador of Cambodia in India) started his speech by promoting Cambodia and its cultural heritage to the crowd. He says, "It is my pleasure to be here at REVA University for the INDIA ASEAN SUMMIT 2022 to talk about bilateral relations between India and Cambodia. Cambodia is an important partner to foster bilateral ties between ASEAN countries and India. This holds even more importance as we celebrate the 30th year of India-ASEAN trade relations. In this post-COVID time, we should try harder to reach better and improved strategic and bilateral relations between ASEAN countries." He also hoped there will be better trade affinity between the two countries in the future.

During the event, REVA University Chancellor was conferred with the title of Trade Commissioner of Karnataka for INDIA ASEAN TRADE COUNCIL. He said that he is extremely blessed, honoured, and privileged to be appointed as the trade commissioner. "For me, every responsibility gives me the energy to promote the mission and vision of REVA University. I always believe that just having a degree is not enough. We need to educate as a whole."

He adds," The INDIA ASEAN summit is important for the education system as well as to REVA University so that there will be a robust system and better engagement between students in India and ASEAN countries. I hope and wish that through my new responsibility, this will have a fruitful result, thereby contributing to the benefit of the society."

The event began at the Kuvempu auditorium on the campus with an invocation dance by the School of Performing Arts and Indic Studies. Dr Asif Iqbal (President, Indian Economic Trade Organization), Ambassador Anil Trigunayat IFS (Distinguished fellow Vivekananda International Foundation), Prof DR Nagalakshmi M Raman (Director and Head Amity Institute of International Studies), Rao Munukuntla (CEO, Bangalore Airport City Limited), Harshvardhan IRS (Chief Convenor - Rights of Earth), Prof DR Ranganathan (Honorary Consul of Myanmar), REVA University Vice Chancellor Dr M Dhanamjaya and various other delegates and diplomats also spoke at the event.

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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- In-principle approval for ₹1500 crore master plan for Khar Land project for rivers flowing in coastal areas
  Administrative approval for the action plan for the works estimated at ₹300 crore
  68 approved works are in progress
- The work of filling 22 tanks of Bengaluru East Taluk through lift irrigation scheme from STP at K.R. Puram, Bangalore
- Approval for work of Revival of lift irrigation scheme at Elemallappashetty tank for filling of Hosakote Doddakere near Hosakote at the cost of ₹93.50 crore
- Administrative approval for filling of tanks in Kora & Bellavi Hobli of Tumkur Taluk, Dodda Agrahaara Tank in Bukkapatna Hobli & other tanks at estimated cost of ₹256.00 crore
- Approval for filling 82 tanks in Bengaluru Urban, rural and Tumkur district from Vrishabhavati Valley in Bangalore for ₹865.00 crore, Tender for this work is under process

- Approval for construction of Bridge and Bandara across Vedavathi river at Mudaneru & Balakundi villages of Siraguppa Taluk, Bellary District, at a cost of ₹35.00 crore, Tender for this work is under process
- Paschima Vaahini Yojane Vented dam construction project across west-flowing rivers. Approval for construction of 1384 Vented Dam
- ₹500 crore for the construction of the dam in 2021-22 is in progress

- Approval for flood-damaged tanks repair and revival work at an estimated cost of ₹200 crore
- Approval for the work costing ₹105.00 crore to fill the tanks of Sammasagi and surrounding villages of Haveri through lift irrigation from Varada river
- Construction of tanks, barrages & lift irrigation schemes are being taken up to ensure that there is no shortage of water for agriculture and people's lives by completing the projects

Sri J.C. Madhuswamy,
Hon'ble Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Minor Irrigation participating in Atal Bhujal programme.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids for the following works on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

1. Bid Enquiry No.:SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-05 Dtd: 22.07.2022 Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 100 MVA, 220/66/11KV CGL make, Sl.No. BH-8859/6 year of manufacture 2002, failed at 220/66/11KV Receiving Station, Madhugiri in Madhugiri Taluk, Tumakuru district and laying at 220/66/11KV Receiving Station, Madhugiri on Total Turnkey Basis.

2. Bid Enquiry No.:SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-06 Dtd: 22.07.2022 Dismantling, Transportation (to & fro), Repair of sick power transformer, Testing, assembling, erection and commissioning of repaired sick power transformer of rating 10MVA, 110/33-11kV SPEC make, Sl.No.ST-43261,YOM 2011 laying at 110/11kV K G Temple S/s in Gubbi Taluk, Tumakuru District on Total Turnkey Basis.

3. Bid Enquiry No.:SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AE/Enq-07 Dtd: 22.07.2022 Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of repaired sick Power Transformer of rating 8 MVA, 66/11KV Standard Electric make, Sl.No.210504, Year of manufacture 2004, failed at 66/11KV S/S, Bhaktharahalli in Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru district and laying at 66/11KV S/S, Bhaktharahalli on Total Turnkey Basis.

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From this Department to quote Itemwar rates for the works approved under 5054 Special Grant for the year 2022-23, S.B.M. Scheme, Narega for the year 2021-22 and 4202-01-201-1-07-200, 2515-00-001-0-04 Scheme of the Budget and Liquid Waste (Muddy Water) Management work (Swachh Bharat Mission), on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tenders are invited in Standard Document for Procurement of Work K/W-1,2&3 forms from eligible contractors registered in Panchayat Raj Engineering/Public Works Department and Registered in e-procurement System. Contractors remitting Form Fee and E.M.D. through filling of Challan in e-payment (Credit Card/Direct Debit/NEFT & OTC) should submit two days earlier to the last date. 1) Date for downloading Tender Form: from 25.07.2022 to 12.08.2022. 2) Last date to submit Tender Form: 12.08.2022, 17:30:00 3) Date of opening the bid: 16.08.2022, 10:00:00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the residential property described in the schedule below from its owners, Sri. J.M.J. Doss @ Jesu Doss J.M., Smt. Beulah and Sri. Paul Williams, who claim to be the only legal heirs of Late W. Pramila ShanthaKumari, who died intestate and consequently succeeded to the Schedule Property belonging to her.

Any Person/Institution having any objection for the sale of the schedule property are required to notify their claim/s in writing with documentary proof to the undersigned within TEN DAYS from this date failing which the sale transaction will be completed by my clients by deeming that there is no objection from anybody.

SCHEDULE

Residential Property bearing No.523 (BBMP PID No.502/503/523/501), BEML Layout III Stage, Sy.Nos. 77 to 90, 105 to 119/1,4,5 to 122, 147 to 165 and 273 of Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru – 560 098 and measuring East to West : 39 feet and North to South : 60 feet, in all measuring 260.00 square yards or 2340 square feet together with residential building and bounded on the East by : Site No.524; West by : Site No.522; North by : Road; and South by : Site No.559.

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ

ಹಳೆ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಆವರಣ, ಏಕ್-ಮಿನಾರ್ ಮಸೀದಿ ಹಿಂಬಾಗ, ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು – 584101

ಸಂ:ಜಿಆಕುಕಅ/ಡಿಹೆಚ್ಒ/ರಾ.ಆ.ಅ/ಹೊ.ಗು/29/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–07–2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಹೊರಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ರಾಯಚೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಅಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ (ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಗ್ರೂಪ್-ಡಿ, ಕ್ಲೀನಿಂಗ್ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳು, ಎಲ್.ಡಿ.ಸಿಗಳು, ಅಂಬುಲೆನ್ಸ್ ಚಾಲಕರು, ಲೆಕ್ಕಪತ್ರ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ರೆಕಾರ್ಡ್ ಕೀಪರ್, ಡಾಟಾ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್, ಮಲ್ಟಿಟಾಸ್ಕ್ ವರ್ಕರ್, ಎಮ್.ಐ.ಎಸ್, ಲ್ಯಾಬ್ ಅಟೆಂಡರ್, ಕುಕ್ ಕಂ ಕೇರ್ ಟೇಕರ್, ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಸಹಾಯಕರು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ) ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಪೂರೈಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸುವ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಹೊರ ಮೂಲ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಲಕೋಟೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಸಂ:ಜಿಆಕುಕಅ/ಡಿಹೆಚ್ಒ/ರಾ.ಆ.ಅ/ಹೊ.ಗು/29/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–07–2022, 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–07–2022, 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 04–08–2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30–00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ 4) ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 126 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು, 5) ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಠೇವಣಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಮೊತ್ತರೂ.1,89,755/– (ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷ ಎಂಬತ್ತೊಂಬತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರದ ಏಳುನೂರು ಐವತ್ತೈದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ). 6) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ : ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ರಾಯಚೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–08–2022ರ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 5–00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, 7) ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ವಿಳಾಸ, ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: rchoraichur@gmail.com/ dpmraichur@gmail.com, 08532-225010

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ವಿಭಾಗ ಡಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ಓ. ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ ರಾಯಚೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು
ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರಾಯಚೂರು.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

TENDER DOCUMENT SECTION-1

FOR SUPPLY OF FOOD MATERIALS TO PRE-MATRIC, POST MATRIC HOSTELS/ASHRAMA SCHOOLS, COMING UNDER SOCIAL WELFARE/TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS SINDAGI TALUKA FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Vijayapur Dist. hereby invites Technical & Commercial Bids from offically registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organization who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under society act to supply food materials for all institutions spread over Sindagi Taluka as described in the schedule of requirements.

1) **Tender Reference No and Date:** DDSWD/EST/CR/2022-23, dt: 20.07.2022
2) **Amount put to Tender: Rs. 220.70 Lakhs**
3) **Pre Bid Meeting Date, Time & Address:** 10.08.2022 at 11.00 AM. Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Vijayapura
4) Last Date & Time for submission of Tender: **22.08.2022 at 5.00 PM**
5) **Date for Submit Samples: 20.08.2022** at 5.00 PM, Sample Submission Signed Copy of SWD Vijayapur. Should be Uploaded in the E-portal on or before Last Date of Bid Submission.
6) Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid: **25.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**
7) Date & Time of opening of Financial bid: **29.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**
8) **EMD Amount: Rs. 3.31 Lakhs.**
9) **Venue of opening of Tender:** Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Vijayapura.
10) **Venue of Tenders address for communication :** Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Kanakadas Badavane, Vijayapura - 586 109.

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Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Vijayapur Dist. hereby invites Technical & Commercial Bids from offically registered, eligible suppliers, Non-governmental organization who are registered under law, co-operative societies who are registered under society act to supply food materials for all institutions spread over B.Bagewadi Taluka as described in the schedule of requirements.

1) **Tender Reference No and Date:** DDSWD/EST/CR/2022-23, dt: 20.07.2022
2) **Amount put to Tender: Rs. 182.19 Lakhs**
3) **Pre Bid Meeting Date, Time & Address:** 10.08.2022 at 11.00 AM. Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Vijayapura
4) Last Date & Time for submission of Tender: **22.08.2022 at 5.00 PM**
5) **Date for Submit Samples:** 20.08.2022 at 5.00 PM, Sample Submission Signed Copy of SWD Vijayapur. Should be Uploaded in the E-portal on or before Last Date of Bid Submission.
6) Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid: **25.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**
7) Date & Time of opening of Financial bid: **29.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**
8) **EMD Amount: Rs. 2.74 Lakhs.**
9) **Venue of opening of Tender:** Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Vijayapura.
10) **Venue of Tenders address for communication :** Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Kanakadas Badavane, Vijayapura - 586 109.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that, our client Mr.Lakshman, S/o. Late Chikkanna has entered into an Agreement of Sale dated: 11.09.2000 in respect of Schedule Property morfully described herein below, with its lawful owner Mr. G. Govindarajulu S/o. late. Narayana Swamy and the said Agreement of Sale is in force and valid even on this day. Further, that at the time of execution of the said Agreement of Sale stated supra, the original **Sale Deed dated: 15.12.1966, Document No. 4989/66-67 of Book-1, Volume-625 at pages 13-16, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore** executed by 1. Mr. Erachanappa, 2. Mr. H. Hemanna and 3. Mr. G. Krishnappa in favour of G. Govindarajulu was handed over to our client in terms of the said Agreement of Sale. Further, that whilst shifting the house from Mahalakshmipuram to Sadashivanagar, our client's personal secretary Mr. Ravi.P., has misplaced/lost the Original Sale Deed dated: 15.12.1966, pursuant to the same he has also reported the same to the Bangalore City Police vide., Lost Article Report No. 0277766/2022 dated: 26.07.2022, as such, the public at large are hereby advised to be cautious about person/s claiming any right/interest under the guise of the said original document.

The public are hereby given notice that any person/s or any incorporated body having found the above said Original Sale Deed dated: 15.12.1966 to return the same to the undersigned forthwith or if any person/s or any incorporated body claiming any right, title or interest of any nature or having any lien, charge or enforceable right in respect of the schedule property may put forth their claims in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents within 15 days from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claim/s or objection/s subsist and the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 55/1, situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, admeasuring an extent of 1 (One) Acre 0-33 (Thirty-Three) Guntas of land and bounded on: **EAST BY:** Survey No. 55/1 (4 Acres); **WEST BY:** Remaining land in Survey No. 55/1 (2 Acres) retained by Mr. G. Govindarajulu; **NORTH BY:** Uttarahalli boundary; and **SOUTH BY:** Property in Survey No. 55/2.

D. LAKSHMAN, Advocate
DLAW ASSOCIATES
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Mob: 99001 76271, 98457 12345.

Place: BANGALORE
Date : 28-07-2022

SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) Mortgager(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is basis" **on 12.08.2022** for recovery of **Rs.4,25,27,838.77** (Rupees Four Crore Twenty Five Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight and Paisa Seventy Seven Only) in A/c No. CC/Gen/23, TL/BL/405 & TL/BL/449 of M/s. 4 Creations, **Rs.5,00,57,814.95** (Rupees Five Crore Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen and Paisa Ninety Five Only) in A/c No. CC/Gen/24, TL/BL/392, TL/BL/435 & TL/BL/596 of M/s. Orijean Private Ltd., and also **Rs.39,048/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Thousand Forty Eight Only) in TL/BL/386 of Mr. Venktesh Bhaskar and Mrs. Archana Venkatesh, Total amount in **Rs. 9,26,24,701.72** (Rupees Nine crore twenty six Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred One and Seventy two Paise Only) as on 30-06-2022 and together with interest thereon from 01-07-2022 Plus expenses, cost and charges due to SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the secured Creditor from **(1)** M/s. 4 CREATIONS. a registered Partnership firm, represented by its Partners: Mr. M.R. Praveen Kumar, Mr. Venkatesh S. Bhaskar, Mr. D. Gopa Kumar, Mr. Vinay Holiday.R, Mr. Jitendar Kumar, M/s. Narayan Apparels Pvt. Ltd., Having its registered office at No.29, Vadrapalya, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, 2nd Block, Gottigere Post, Bangalore – 560 083. (Borrower/Guarantor) **(2)** M/s. ORIJEAN PRIVATE LIMITED represented by its Directors Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, Mr. M.R. Praveen Kumar, Mr. Venkatesh S. Bhaskar, Mr. D. Gopa Kumar, Mr. Jitendar Kumar, having its registered Office at No.29, Vadrapalya, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, 2nd Block, Gottigere Post, Bangalore – 560 083.(Borrower/Guarantor) **(3)** M/s. Narayan Apparels Pvt. Ltd., represented by its Directors Mr. D.P. Nagaraj & Mr. Satish. D.G, registered Office at No.14 Annapoorneshwari Industrial Estate, Doddakallasandra, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore – 560 062. (Guarantor) **(4)** M/s. Many Means, a partnership firm represented by its Partners, Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, Mr. D. Gopa Kumar, Mr. Vinay Holiday R, Mr. M.R. Praveen Kumar, Mr. Venkatesh S. Bhaskar, Mr. Jitendar Kumar, Having its office at No.29, Vadrapalya, J.P Nagar, 8th Phase, 2nd Block, Gottigere Post, Bangalore-560 083. **(5)** M/s. Studio Source Pvt. Ltd. Represented by its Directors, Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, Mr. M.R. Praveen Kumar, Mr. Venkatesh S. Bhaskar, Registered office at No.29, Vadrapalya, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, 2nd Block, Gottigere Post, Bangalore-560 083. (Guarantors) **(6)** Mr. Vinay Holiday. R, Residing at No.G 1403, Mantri Tranquil, Gubblala, Bangalore-560 061. **(7)** Mr. Gopa Kumar D, Residing at No.6/3, 1st Street, Rajaeshwarinagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600 099. **(8)** Mr. M.R. Praveen Kumar, Residing at No.63, 6th Main, M.S. Ramaiah city 8th Phase, J.P Nagar, Bangalore-560 076. (Guarantors) **(9)** Mr. Thomas Richard Samson, Since deceased represented by Lr's, **(a)** Mr. Vinay Holiday. R S/o late Thomas Richard Samson **(b)** Smt. Anjali Premalatha. W/o late Thomas Richard Samson **(c)** Ms.Beena Paul D/o late Thomas Richard Samson All are residing at No.G 1403, Mantri Tranquil,Gubblala, Bangalore-560061. **(d)** Ms.Namratha D/o late Thomas Richard Samson Flat No.23, Shringar Apartments, 58, 4th main, 18th cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. **(10)** Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, **(11)** Mrs. Shalini Nagaraj, Both are residing at: No.151,5th Cross, Second Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011. **(12)** Mrs. Chitra Nagaraj, No.28/1, "Samrudhi Nilaya", Puttanna Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560 004. **(13)** Mr. Jitendar Kumar, No.53, "Sanmarga" , 10th Main, Siddartha Layout, Mysore- 570 011. **(14)** Mr. Javeri Lal, Since deceased represented by Lr's **(a)** Smt. Neeta Hitesh Vinaykiya, D/o Late Mr. Javeri Lal, No.B-102, Dev Tranquil Apartment, Near Dev Dip Apartment, Koteshwar Bhat Road, Koteshwar, Ahmedabad City, Sabarmati, Gujarat-380005. **(b)** Smt. Chaya, D/o Late Mr. Javeri Lal, 59/2, Rama Iyengar Road, V.V. Puram, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004. **(c)** Smt. Bindu Chopra, D/o Late Javerilal and, No.07, Chamundi Vihar Layout, Nazarbad, Mysuru-570 010. **(d)** Jitendra Kumar S/o Mr. Javeri Lal, No.53, "Sanmarga" , 10th Main, Siddartha Layout, Mysore- 570 011. **(15)** Mrs. Sheela. M.R. Since deceased represented by LR's (daughters) (a) Anusha (b) Nimisha, No. 4/2, Girinagar 3rd Cross, Bengaluru-560075. **(16)** Mr. Venkatesh S. Bhaskar , **(17)** Mrs. Archana Venkatesh, Both are residing at: No.85/3, 24th Cross, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bangalore-560 082. **(18)** Mr. Madhu Kumar. M. R, No.581, 52nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. (Guarantors /Mortgagors) **(19)** Sri D. G. Satish, Residing at: No. 141, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011. **(20)** Smt. D. S. Rajeswari, Residing at: No. 141, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560 011.(Guarantors)

The reserve price will be **Rs.72.20 Lakhs** (Rs. Seventy Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) and Earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 7,22,000/-** (Rs. Seven Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Only)

Description of the Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable Property being Residential Site bearing No.F-49, presently assigned New Khatha No.426/F-49, Situated in Eagleton the Golf Village, carved out of various survey numbers of Billakempanahalli, Shyanamangala and Banandur Villages of Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk and District (earlier Bangalore Rural District), admeasuring 2700 Square Feet and bounded on -East by: Road, West by: Site bearing No.F-57,North by: C.A. Site & South by: Site bearing No.F-48.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **https://www.svcbank.com/Home/Notice-Of-Sale**

Date : 27.07.2022
Place : Bengaluru

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **INDUMATAHI** Kantharaj R/a No.939, 2nd Crs, Brundavan Lyt, K.B.Sandra, R.T.Nagar, B'luru-32 have changed my name to Indumathi .K (Indumathi Kantharaj) vide affidavit dt: 27.07.22 sworn before Notary A.C.Subbu Swamy, B'lore.

I, **NEEHA** Kousar, W/o Shoaib Ahmed residing at No.86, 1st Cross, Anepalya, Neelasandra, Bengaluru-560047 Karnataka have changed my name to Neha Kouser vide affidavit dated 21/07/2022 before C.V.Earappa, Notary, Bengaluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAHENDRA** Kumar Sancheti, R/a No.18/5, 2nd floor, Nagappa street, P.G.Halli, Bangalore - 560003 have changed my name to Mahendra Kumar, vide affidavit dt: 27.07.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore.

I, **Sunil** Chauhan S/o Mukh Ram Chauhan , R/o: E 905, Shriram Greenfield, Bommenahalli, Behind Prestige Tranquility, Mundur Post, Bidrahalli, Bengaluru-560049, changed my name to Sunil Chauhaan for all purposes.

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CHANGE OF NAME

JAINAM KHUSHPATH Tilawat, S/O Khushpath B Jain ,DOB-18.4.2000 residing 30,Tilawat Enclave ,S.B road, VVpuram, Blr -04,changed name to Jainam Tilawat vide affidavit Dt- 25/7/22 at B'lore

LEGAL NOTICE

Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL BANGALORE (CCH-75)
O.S. No. 25623 of 2022

Plaintiff :
M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Repld. by its Debts Collection Manager:
Sri. Pramodh.G,
S/o. Gurumallappa.B

Defendant :
Mr. Ravi Kumar D, Aged about 30 years, S/o. Mr. Devindrappa Residing At 2nd Cross, Near Cheemasandra, Poornapra JNA School, Near Govt. School, Bangalore- 560049.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 4,95,084/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Eighty Four Only) together with future interest at 14.95% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 5th day of September 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 15/07/2022

Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall Unit, Bangalore.

ALTAF HASAN,
Advocate for Plaintiff,
#60, G-3, M.M.Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANGEETHA** Kumari, R/a No.1288, 1st Main road, Gandhinagar, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 have changed my name to Sangeetha, vide affidavit dt: 27.07.2022 sworn before Notary A.Manjula, B'lore.

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IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, MACHILIPATNAM
O.S No. 37/2019

Between :
Gadiraju Venkata Krishnam Raju ...Plaintiff
AND
Vemula Gangadhara Rao @ Gandhi
And another ...Defendants

To:
D2) Lakshmi Narasimhan, W/o. Narasinhan, Resident of 17/B, 2nd Cross, Munireddy layout, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-61, Karnataka State.

Please take notice that as you are evading taking notices send by the Honourable Court in the above suit. In the above matter was posted for your appearance on **12.8.2022.** Hence you are hereby directed to appear before the above number mentioned court on **12.8.2022 at about 10.30 a.m.** personally or through Advocate and to file objections otherwise, the Honourable Court will decide the matter in your absence.

Adjournment dated 12.8.2022
(by order of the court)

Seetala Prasad, Advocate for Plaintiff
Machilipatnam ✆ **9848483819**

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-66)
O.S. NO. 2564/2021

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race, Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative
Mr. Pramodh. G ...**Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Vaibhav Jain ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Vaibhav Jain,
S/o. Amrit Lal Jain, Aged about 31 Years, Residing at Flat No. 105, Shree Vinayaka Residency, Near St. Johns Wood Apartment, 2nd Cross Road, Chikkadugodi, Taverekere, Bangalore- 560029.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.5,33,200/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.66), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 25/08/2022 at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 13th day of July 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar,
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-67)
O.S. NO. 2563/2021

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative
Mr. Pramodh. G ...**Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Mohammed Mutahar ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mr.Mohammed Mutahar,
S/o. Ajaz Ahmad K.H. Aged about 25 Years, R/at No. Ka-274(21), 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, Near Ameen Masjid, K.G. Halli, Bengaluru- 560045.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.3,94,619/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-67), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 15/09/2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 20th day of July 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-35)
O.S. NO. 6463/2021

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...**Plaintiff**
And
Mr. Aneesur Shaik Rasheed ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Henock Sandesh Muliyil, S/o. Manohar Leslie Muliyil, Aged about 25 Years, R/at Sf-01, Sripathi Nilaya, Ganesh Temple Road, Opposite Bachappa Building, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru- 560062

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.7,30,296/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXXIV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-35), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 29/08/2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 19th day of July 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar, Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3 Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF IVth ADDITIONAL FIRST CIVIL JUDGE (Jr. Div.) AT MYSURU
O.S No. 1295/2017

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd. Having its Registered Office at ICIC Bank Towers, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007 and its Branch Office at 1st Floor, Deeksha Shetty Mansion, Rama Vilasa Road, Mysuru- 570016 ...Plaintiff
Represented by its Authorised Signatory Mr. Anand Raj R

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. N.R. Ramesh
Aged 51 years, S/o Nagappa,
Umadevi N.D, Aged 45 years
Both R/a: Narasimhalaya, MSN Building, 1st Cross, Opposite MCE Maingate, Near Vibhavi Refreshment, Salagame Road, Hassan- 573201

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 3,11,252.15/- (as on 29/08/2017)** along with interest at 18% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the 16/08/2022 at 11 A.M. take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Suit Schedule asset consisting of Toyota Etios Liva vehicle bearing Registration No KA- 13-N-5284.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 19th day of July 2022.

Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court
Mysuru

Advocate for Plaintiff
Apoorvananda.K,
MIG 28/1, Ground Floor,
Nrupathunga Road,
Kuvempunagar Mysore- 057023

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF SMALL CAUSES JUDGE AT BANGALORE (SCCH- 20)
S.C.NO.15042/2022

Hg- 30/08/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered Office at Land mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara-390 007 and having its Corporate Office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 ...Plaintiff
And
Ms. Jyothi S & Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
D1. Ms. Jyothi S, D/o Sri. Badhraiah Shivarudraiah, No. 76, Magadi Main Road, Chennenahalli, Tavarakere Hobli, Kadabagere, Bangalore- 562130
D2. Sri. Dhruvakumar, S/o Sri. Chandrashekar, No. 01, Magadi Main Road, Channenahalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore- 562130

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.1,77,043/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand and Forty Three Thousand Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Small Causes Judge (SCCH - 20) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 30/08/2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 20/07/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SMALL CAUSES COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore-560047.

The Basavaraj Bommai-led BJP government is completing one year in office today

A year of delicate balancing act for CM

Despite several complaints, Bommai is seen by many as the 'best bet' under the present circumstances

B.S. SATISH KUMAR
BENGALURU

As the BJP government led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai completes one year on Thursday, the impending Assembly elections nine months from now appear to be weighing heavily on the minds of State leaders rather than a sense of joy.

Brisk preparations were under way on Wednesday for Basavaraj Bommai's public meeting at Doddaballapur to mark the completion of one year of his government. The event has since been cancelled. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND PTI

Smooth transition

The completion of one year in office by Mr. Bommai is a significant milestone for the BJP as it marks a transition in leadership. The party, a year ago, managed to convince its veteran leader B.S. Yediyurappa, who is not only credited with bringing the BJP to power for the first time in the State but also has a substantial influence on the cadre, to step down from the Chief Minister's post and allow new leadership to emerge.

Mr. Bommai, who was one of the few leaders who shared a good relationship with both Mr. Yediyurappa and the party, had emerged as the best choice for the chief ministerial post then. Predictably, the past one year has been a delicate balancing act for Mr. Bommai whose main focus appears to be on not giving room for political instability.

While he has succeeded in ensuring a smooth transition of leadership, some key issues such as effectively reaching out to people and ensuring proper co-ordination with the party organisation still remain a challenge.

With his vast administrative experience, Mr. Bommai is perhaps one of the most experienced among the Chief Ministers of the BJP-governed States. He has been able to bring in a semblance of order at higher-level bureaucracy in the last one year, many observe. But the service delivery system at the grassroots level is yet to show visible improvement, which is being blamed on some Ministers whose presence is hardly felt by general public. There seems to be no mechanism to rein in such Ministers.

Also, Mr. Bommai appears to be taking time to make crucial decisions, unlike his predecessor known for impulsive decisions. Political observers attribute this hesitation to Mr. Bommai not being from the BJP cadre since he joined the party only about one-and-a-half decades ago. "Perhaps he would want to be extra cautious and consult several people in the party before making any decision, and desist from taking a call if it is tricky. This consumes time," observed a senior leader in the BJP.

Lack of coordination

A few leaders feel that though Mr. Bommai has come out with several good schemes, he is finding it difficult to take them to grassroots level owing to a lack of effective coordination between the government and the party. This has caused concern among several leaders who feel that this is crucial if the party has to win the next Assembly elections and form the government on its own. They attribute the results of some of the bypolls to the Assembly, where the party lost its own strongholds, to this lacunae.

Corruption charges

The government has also come under attack from the Opposition on corruption charges, beginning from the bitcoin scam, large-scale malpractices in the recruitment of police sub-inspectors, and allegations by contractors that they have to give 40% commission to get bills cleared. Though government has rebutted them, the allegations are yet to fall silent.

BJP outsiders are also disappointed that Mr. Bommai, who comes from a socialist background, lost an opportunity to remain a middle-path man in terms of ideology in the right-wing party. They insist that he should have been more aggressive while countering the fringe rightwing elements' effort to disturb secular fabric.

Interestingly, despite feeling that he fell short of expectations, both BJP insiders and outsiders feel that Mr. Bommai is still the best bet for the party for the chief ministerial post because of his administrative experience, knowledge on key issues, and sober attitude. They feel that Mr. Bommai could do better and grow stronger if he remains his "true self", sheds hesitation and grows more dynamic in style of functioning.

A sharp turn to the right

Bommai govt. has seen Hindutva forces growing stronger

K.V. ADITYA BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU

A marker that distinguishes the past one-year regime of Basavaraj Bommai from that of his predecessor B.S. Yediyurappa is the sharp increase in communal polarisation in Karnataka. This runs contrary to the initial expectation that Mr. Bommai would not be a "hard Hindutva" leader, given that he does not come from the Sangh Parivar stables and has socialist roots.

An early indication of the turn of events came in October 2021, when Mr. Bommai, responding to a question on "moral policing" by Hindutva groups in Mangaluru, said that "action and reaction are bound to happen when there is no morality in society". This was seen as a statement justifying actions of Hindutva groups.

Series of campaigns

There have been a series of communal campaigns since then, starting with the hijab row in January 2022, which grabbed international headlines. It was followed by others, including the economic boycott of Muslim traders and campaigns against halal meat and azaan. The government looked the other way and in many cases Ministers supported the campaigns. Writers and intellectuals who criticised these developments have been either ignored or trolled.

Basavaraj Bommai

The recent exercise of school textbook revision has also faced accusations of "saffronisation" and "Brahminisation" and has triggered protests. Mr. Bommai has ensured the passage of the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Ordinance, 2022, (popularly called the 'anti-conversion' law) and has promised autonomy to temples – both long-pending demands of Hindutva groups.

A section in the BJP has been pushing the party to go for hardline Hindutva plank in the State and it has gained pace after Mr. Yediyurappa was replaced by Mr. Bommai. "We are an ideological cadre-based party that has grown in the State through lateral entries, including the incumbent Chief Minister. It is high time we converted our vote base to Hindutva, as it will free the party from over-reliance on individual leaders or a caste base," said a senior party leader.

But what is unfolding in the State is also linked more immediately to the 2023 elections. "Given that the State government is battling anti-incumbency and allegations of corruption, Hindutva is the plank that can unite the cadre. Recent surveys held by the party have indicated that the hijab row has worked in favour of the party even beyond the traditional Hindutva pockets," a senior party strategist said, arguing the 2023 Assembly elections was a "test case" as to whether this strategy would work for the party beyond its traditional pockets of coastal districts, Malnad, and some districts of Bombay Karnataka region.

Multiple planks

Political scientist Sandeep Shastri, Vice-Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal, said the BJP had been using "multiple messaging" in Karnataka for decades now – of being an effective alternative and being anti-corruption and pro-Hindutva, besides doing social engineering etc. "Hindutva has its appeal and will work as one of the strategies, packaged with other planks. But I doubt it will have any impact beyond its traditional pockets of appeal as the only plank," he said.

'Create dashboard of numbers assigned to identify properties'

High Court issues directive to Chief Secretary

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the Chief Secretary to take steps to create an online dashboard to identify properties by consolidating various types of numbers assigned to identify properties to prevent confusion.

The court said the dashboard should have the facility to cross-reference search to get different types of identification numbers assigned to a property such as survey numbers, Khaneshumari numbers, house list number, khatha numbers, and site numbers.

Also, the court directed the Chief Secretary to appoint a nodal officer, preferably an IAS officer, to coordinate with the Revenue Department, the Urban Development Department, urban development authorities, town planning authorities, municipal authorities, municipal corporations etc., in association with the E-governance Department, for creating the dashboard.

The Chief Secretary or the Secretary, e-governance, will have to submit within eight weeks a detailed project report to the court on creating the dashboard.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued the direction while dismissing with a cost of ₹1 lakh a petition filed by a real estate development firm, which had questioned the action of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), which had said that the firm had encroached upon a portion of land belonging to the BDA at Yellikunte village in Begur hobli, Bengaluru South taluk.

The court found that the petitioner, Vandana Infra Estates, had tried to take advantage of the lacunae in the methodology of identification of land to make a false suggestion that the BDA did not own the land by relying on khatha/Khaneshumari numbers assigned to some of the properties, which the firm had in its possession adjoining land acquired by the BDA.

The dashboard matrix of numbering has to be such that for any particular property if there are different kinds of numbers or identifiers given, all such numbers and identifiers should be available for everyone to cross-refer, and combined numbering to be Web-hosted by all the departments concerned.

Court's directions

Whenever a khatha/Khaneshumari certificate is issued, the same has to refer to survey number, Khaneshumari number, municipal number, or the like depending on the applicability.

The Record of Tenancy and Crops (RTC), tax paid receipts, land acquisition notifications, and any and all documents issued by any authority as regards a property should have all cross-reference numbers applicable to the particular land, the court said.

Congress is the 'Gangotri' of corruption, says Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A day after Congress leaders' charge that the government should observe "Brashtachara Utsava (utsava of corruption) to mark its one year in office, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said the Congress was the 'Gangotri' of corruption and that it had no moral right to protest.

Speaking to reporters here, Mr. Bommai said AICC president Sonia Gandhi has been facing an Enforcement Directorate (ED) inquiry with regard to her alleged role in money laundering linked to the National Herald newspaper. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar too was grilled by the ED for his role in an alleged money-laundering case. "Congress leaders have no moral right to speak on corruption. The Congress is the 'Gangotri' of corruption," Mr. Bommai said.

Hitting out strongly against the Congress and party leaders' charges against his government, Mr. Bommai said, "Congress people have not learnt a lesson. People have shown the party its place."

Congress leaders urge MPs to vote for Alva

Polling for V-P post be held on Aug. 6

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former Congress Ministers Motamma and Rani Sathish have urged the MPs to vote for Margaret Alva who is the candidate of the Opposition parties in election to the Vice-President's post.

The ruling National Democratic Alliance has fielded Jagdeep Dhankhar, former Governor of West Bengal, as its candidate.

Ms. Motamma and Ms. Sathish said the Modi government could have ensured a unanimous election of Ms. Alva. They appealed to the MPs to exercise the votes in favour of Ms. Alva, former Union Minister, in the election. Polling will be held on August 6.

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Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, SHAHABAD
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Ph. No.: 08474-209363, E-mail : cdposhahabad3@gmail.com

No.: CDPS/WCDD/ICDS/Egg/Tender/2022-23/ Date: 26.07.2022

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For further information contact, Child Development Project Officer, Shahabad Office during office hours. Ph. No.: 08474-209363 and e-mail ID: cdposhahabad3@gmail.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Shahabad

DIPR/Kalaburagi/431/MC&A/2022-23

FROM PAGE ONE

'ACB blissfully ignored ABC of procedure'

"The entire proceedings instituted by the ACB against the petitioner cannot but be termed a mockery of the procedure," the court said. "An allegation of criminal misconduct on a public servant is a serious one. Therefore, it cannot be a casual or a frolicsome act of the ACB in preparing the source information report at the drop of the hat," the court observed, while pointing out that ACB's source information report lacked even *prima facie* conclusion to show possession assets is disproportionate to Mr. Naik's known sources of income.

The discovery of certain material allegedly belonging to the petitioner could at best have triggered the conduct of a preliminary enquiry and could not have become the basis for registration of an FIR, it said.

'NEP will transform India's education system'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

While congratulating the century-old University of Mysore for being among the foremost centres of higher learning to implement the National Education Policy (NEP), Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi on Wednesday called upon the University's faculty to think about NEP seriously since it is aimed at transforming India.

NEP is crucial to the country as it is designed to impart skills to the youth and instill confidence among them and not just to award degrees. The larger goal is bringing paradigm change to the country's education system, he added.

Presiding over the Foundation Day celebrations of the University of Mysore at the Crawford Hall here, Mr. Ravi, in his 40-minute Foundation Day lecture, said there may be some resistance to the policy but its broader perspectives need to be understood.

NEP needs to be given a serious thought since the goal is to bring the country to a position to which it deserves.

"India was at the top of the world some 300 years ago. It is destined to be the leader of the world and the NEP can help to achieve the position. We need to appreciate the thinking behind the NEP and the change it is expected to bring in the education system. The Indian system of education helps the country become intellectually strong," Mr. Ravi argued.

The Governor said several countries overtook India though it was once a global leader with India and China on a par in terms of growth way back in 1991.

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, scion of the erstwhile Mysuru royal family, who was the chief guest, spoke on how the University of Mysore was founded by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

11th ANNIVERSARY

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DEATH

Smt. Dharmambal Sambasivan

Born 2 Aug 1923, wife of late IC-3398 Major MD Sambasivan, attained Sivaloka Prapti at **11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 at Bangalore**

Dharmambal alias Thangamanni was a 1943 Botany (Honours) graduate from Queen Mary's College, Chennai. A devoted wife and a loving mother, grandmother & great grandmother. She was an epitome of sacrifice, grace & equanimity

Deeply mourned by

Col SS Rajan, Bangalore
9449043770,
colonelrajan44@gmail.com
Dr. Radha Giridharan, New York
S.Amarnath, New Jersey

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to General public that Our Client is proposing to purchase the property described in the Schedule Hereunder from **Mr. NILAM CHANDRAKANT RUPARELIA And Mrs. RIDDI NILAM RUPARELIA.** If any individual or institute or corporate or firm has any subsisting right in respect of the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to substantiate such claim by presenting all details and documents relating thereto to the undersigned **within 14 days** from the publication of this notice. In the event of no such claims being presented or substantiated it shall be deemed that no such claim exists and the transaction will be concluded.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property being vacant site bearing No.3AC-944, situated at Block I HRBR Layout, Bangalore, and having PID No.88-250-3AC-944, Measuring : East to West : 12.20 mtr., North to South : 18.50 mtr. In all measuring: 225.70 sq.mtr Bounded on the : **East by :** Site No.3AC 946, **West by :** Site No.3AC 942, **North by :** 3A Cross Road, **South by :** Site No.3C -943.

Sd/- **ANIL KUMAR SHETTY**
No.14, 1st Cross, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru-01

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients intend to purchase immovable property measuring about 1 Acre in Sy No. 189 situated at Kattiganahalli Village, Jala-2 Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk from **Sri Tambi Aswatheerayana Balaji alias T. A. Balaji** and family along with **Satish M. and Mahesh K.** Any person's having any claim or objections to the proposed purchase may write or call the undersigned **within 7 days** of the publication hereof along with supporting documentary evidence failing which my client will proceed with the transaction and any claim received thereafter will not be entertained.

S. K. PRATHIMA, ADVOCATE
ANAND ASSOCIATES
No: 31, SIS Colony, HAL III Stage, Bengaluru- 560075
Phone-OFF: 08025215312, MOB: 9845395012

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is intimated to general public at large that my client, is intending to Purchasing of the below mentioned Schedule property from **1. Smt. C.K. Yashoda** W/o. Late. C.U. Kariyappa, **2. Sri. C.K. Kaveramma** D/o. Late. C.U. Kariyappa, **3. Sri. C.K. Monnappa** S/o. Late. C.U. Kariyappa 1 to 3 are the R/o No.9/B, 8th Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-10. **4. Smt. C.D. Shanthi** W/o. Late. C.U. Devaiah **5. Sri. C. D. Bopanna** S/o. Late. C.U. Devaiah **6. Sri. C.D. Subbaiah** S/o. Late. C.U. Devaiah 4 to 6 are the R/o. Karmadu Village, Ammathi Post, Virajpet Taluk, South Kodagu. **7. Sri. C.U. Medappa** S/o. Late. C.G. Uthaiah R/o Sai Balaji Enclave, No. 105, Lourdu Nagar, Swathantra Nagar, Krishnarajapura, Bengaluru-49. **8. Sri. C.U. Muthappa** S/o. Late. C.G. Uthaiah R/o No. 129, 3rd Main, 6th Stage, BEML Layout, Bengaluru-66 herein after called as sellers. The **seller's No.1 to 8** is the daughter-in-laws, children and grand children of Late. C.G. Uthaiah they are the joint and absolute owners of the schedule property as per the compromise Judgment and decree of Hon'ble Addl. City Civil & Session Judge in CCH 43 at Bengaluru in O.S. No. 6225/2011 dated 24.02.2022.

Party/s Claiming any right, title or interest on the said property is/are advised to correspond with the below mentioned address, within **fifteen days** from the date of this publication, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the house property bearing **old No.9/B, New No.417/9/B, present New No.417/B/30, PID No.22-08-30,** Ward No.22, 8th Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010, measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 25 feet with 850 Sq.feet house, bounded on the

East by : Road, West by : House No.8A, North by : House No.10A, South by : House No.9A.

Sd/- **S.P. SATHISH**, Advocate
#5/1, 2nd Floor, S.L.N. Mahal,
Link Road, 3rd Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru-560003. **Ph: 94487 25118**

RAJIV GANDHI HOUSING CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprise)
Cauvery Bhavan, 9th Floor, E&F Block, KHB Complex, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009. Tele No: 080-23118888
email-ID : **rgrhcl@nic.in**

No. SA/RGHCL/02/CDP02/2018 Date: 27.07.2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement Portal Only)

Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited, Department of Housing, Government of Karnataka is inviting the short term tender from eligible bidders in two parts bid systems (Technical & Financial Bid) for the "Purchase of 1 No. of RACK SERVER, 3 No's of Microsoft Visual Studio 2019 Standard and 1No. of Microsoft SQL Server 2019 Standard" through e-Procurement. The details are available at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date for submission of bid is **04.08.2022 up to 17:00Hrs.**

DIPR/CP/JA/1534/2022-23 Sd/- Assistant General Manager (Admn.)

CM Breakfast Scheme rolled out in Tamil Nadu

It will benefit 1.14 lakh school students

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday issued an order to implement the first phase of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme at 1,545 government primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in Classes I-V during 2022-23. The cost would be ₹33.56 crore.

Breakfast would be provided to students on all working days, the order issued by Chief Secretary V. Irai Anbu said. As far as possible, breakfast prepared with millets available in the respective region could be provided at least on two days a week.

More than 43,600 students in the municipal corporations, over 17,400 in the municipalities, over 42,800 in the village panchayats and over 10,100 students in remote and hilly areas would benefit from the scheme, said to be the "first-of-its-kind in the country".

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin interacting with students in Chennai on Wednesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Every student is to be given a cooked meal of 150-500 gram with 'sambar' and vegetables. The order followed an announcement made by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in the Assembly on May 7 this year that the scheme would be rolled out in government school students to encourage them to excel and ensure nutrition for students.

Scheme's evolution

Recalling the evolution of the scheme in the State over the past 100 years, the order mentioned that the president of Madras Municipal Corporation, Sir Pitti Thyagaraya, introduced the breakfast scheme in the Thousand Lights area, based on a resolution adopted on September 16, 1920. The scheme was later expanded to cover over 1,600 pupils.

In 1957, K. Kamaraj, Chief Minister of Madras State (renamed Tamil Nadu in 1967), introduced the mid-day meal scheme. In 1982, Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran announced a scheme for providing primary school students with nutritious meals, and it was rolled out in a school at Pappakurichi in Tiruchi district on July 1, 1982.

In 1989, Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi announced in the Assembly that eggs would be provided once in two weeks as part of the nutritious meal. In the Budget presented on July 23, 1998, the government announced that eggs would be provided once every week. In 2007, eggs were given three days a week. A year later, the scheme was modified to provide bananas to students who did not consume eggs and to provide eggs five days a week. The order also cited a joint study by the University of Washington and International Food Policy Research Institute to contend that ensuring nutritious meals for students was essential for their health and well-being.

Plea to field staff

Hours after he signed the order, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin called upon field staff to ensure that the food was prepared and served clean with love and affection. He also urged the elected representatives and members of the public to ensure that the scheme was a success. "The basic principles of the Dravidian movement are to ensure education to several crores of people who were denied it earlier and to help the downtrodden reach the seats of power. Tamil Nadu can be proud of the fact that the Dravidian movement has scored a victory on that front to a certain extent," he said in a statement.

There was no doubt that the scheme would make a significant impact on the expansion of school education, promote the joy of learning and improve the lives of children of poor families, Mr. Stalin said. He hoped that the scheme, emblematic of the Dravidian Model, would be followed by other States.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Stalin launched a physical and mental health awareness campaign for school students. Addressing students at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School at Ashok Nagar in Chennai, the Chief Minister underlined the importance of physical and mental health. "You should all be active all the time. You should not be sad. Laziness will come in the way of your success. Do not delay what you could do today," he said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1	35.4	25.4	Kozhikode	0.9	31.6	25.0
Ahmedabad	–	31.6	24.7	Kurnool	3	33.2	23.6
Aizawl	8	25.0	21.4	Lucknow	–	32.4	26.5
Allahabad	–	31.9	25.4	Madurai	11	34.0	24.0
Bengaluru	0.8	29.5	20.8	Mangaluru	1	30.0	23.9
Bhopal	–	31.1	23.4	Mumbai	14	29.4	24.2
Bhubaneswar	–	34.2	25.4	Mysuru	–	30.0	21.0
Chandigarh	–	34.8	28.0	New Delhi	–	34.6	26.7
Chennai	–	33.3	26.0	Patna	5	32.2	24.8
Coimbatore	2	33.4	22.8	Port Blair	–	31.9	26.2
Dehradun	4	31.4	24.5	Puducherry	0.5	33.2	22.8
Gangtok	0.2	21.2	17.1	Pune	1.6	31.1	21.9
Goa	6	30.6	24.2	Raipur	6	32.1	24.5
Guwahati	0.2	34.4	25.5	Ranchi	0.6	32.4	24.2
Hubballi	–	29.0	21.0	Shillong	24	23.4	17.5
Hyderabad	7	30.4	21.9	Shimla	9	19.8	17.1
Imphal	–	31.8	21.2	Srinagar	1	31.4	21.8
Jaipur	13	31.0	24.7	Thiruvananthapuram	0.1	32.7	24.6
Kochi	–	29.0	26.0	Tiruchi	11	33.5	23.0
Kohima	1	23.0	16.6	Vijayawada	2	33.4	24.6
Kolkata	–	34.4	27.3	Visakhapatnam	1	33.1	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	35	14	20	48	76	
Bengaluru	5	9	57	58	77	
Chennai	19	21	83	27	49	
Delhi	6	14	111	60	91	
Hyderabad	14	5	65	32	47	
Kolkata	11	16	20	46	63	
Lucknow	7	85	62	62	80	
Mumbai	45	–	7	40	160	
Pune	–	38	97	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	14	45	8	52	115	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Saharsa, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 177 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Minors in Jubilee Hills case get bail

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

The five minors accused in the alleged sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl in Jubilee Hills police limits in May, secured conditional bail and were released from the Government Special Home for Boys at Saidabad.

Of the five, four, along with an adult accused Saduddin Malik, who had been charged with aggravated sexual assault, were released on Tuesday evening. The fifth minor, who was present in the moving sedan, but reportedly not present in the SUV, also got bail on Wednesday.

Police detain two people from Erode in terror suspect case

S.P. SARAVANAN
ERODE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) detained two youth on the suspicion that they were part of terror network on Tuesday in Erode, Tamil Nadu. Police personnel were posted at the police quarters in R.N. Pudur, where the two are being held and questioned.

NIA sleuths on Tuesday night conducted searches at their residence in Manickampalayam and seized a laptop, SIM cards, documents and a bank pass book. Special Branch Police and the local police held inquiries with families in the neighbourhood.

Police guard the premises where the two detained youth are being questioned in Erode on Wednesday. • M. GOVARTHAN

The two were brought in for questioning after they were contacted by one Abdul Mondal alias Zubair, who was reportedly in contact with terror outfits, claimed sources. Zubair was arrested in Salem by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) police on Tuesday. On Monday, the CCB police arrested Zubair's associate Akhtar Hussain of Assam, a food delivery agent, at Tilak Nagar in Bengaluru. Both Zubair and Hussain were arrested on suspicion that they were part of a terror network.

Enforcement Directorate questions CSI bishop

Probe into money laundering case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Dharmaraj Rasalam, bishop of the South Kerala diocese of the Church of South India (CSI), was interrogated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) here on Wednesday.

He was questioned in connection with alleged financial dealings related to admissions to Dr. Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College, Karakonam, Thiruvananthapuram.

There were complaints of money laundering and violations related to the handling of foreign exchange against the bishop and a few others. The Emigration officials at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport had on Tuesday prevented the bishop from leaving for the U.K.

Bishop Dharmaraj Rasalam

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA
Office of Project Director,
No 1/1, First Floor, KSFC Bhavan, Thimmaiah Road,
Bengaluru - 560052

Notification No: Atal Jal/Proc/25/2021-22 **Date: 27/07/2022**

Tender Notification through E-Procurement Portal Providing vehicles on as and when required

Atal Bhujal Yojana, SPMU invites tenders from registered eligible transport agency to submit their proposals with necessary documents.

The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in The tender document can be downloaded from 27.07.2022, 11.30 Hrs onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before 10.08.2022, 17.30 Hrs.

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from 10.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.

Sd/-
Tender Inviting Authority
SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojan, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1522/KAR/22-23

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Wear Mask | Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 25.07.2022
Invitation For Tender
Tender ref no: 13/2022-23

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. Total 23 Works (Sira Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is Rs.100.00 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **16.08.2022** (up to 4.00 pm). Technical bids will be opened on **17.08.2022** after 4.15 PM. Financial bid will be opened on **20.08.2022** after 4.00 PM. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri

DIPR/TUM/359/MCA/2022-23

ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ನಂ:ದಾಮಪಾ:ಕಾಆ2.ಇ.ಟೆಂಡರ್:12:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18-07-2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿ – 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ, 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಆಯೋಗದ ಜನರಲ್ ಬೇಸಿಕ್ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ – 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 04 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಿಂಗಲ್/ಡಬಲ್ ಕವರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿದಾರರು/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: +91-8046010000 +91-8068948777 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. (1) ಫೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ (ರೂ.100.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ) : 27-07-2022 ಸಮಯ : 11.00 (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ: 03-08-2022 ಸಮಯ : 16.30 (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03-08-2022 ಸಮಯ : 17.00 (4) ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 05-08-2022 ಸಮಯ : 11.00

ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ/ಮಾಹಿತಿಗೆ/
330/ಜಂಸಂ/2022-23

ಸಹಿ/- ಆಯುಕ್ತರು,
ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. 952/Gadag/EE(E)/V.No/2022-23/2436 **Date:26.07.2022**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites following Office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and Sub-Stations Division, Gadag.

1) Arresting Oil leakage at Secondary Terminals of 220KV Current Transformers of 220KV Harthi and Bagalkot line bays at 220KV R/s Gadag in TL&SS Division, Gadag.
2) Supplying Fixing Testing and Commissioning of Siemens make Distance Relay of 220KV Doni line -1 at 220KV R/s Gadag in TL&SS Division, Gadag.
3) Supply and Fixing of CTD's for 100MVA Transformer No.1 and 2 at 220KV R/s Gadag in TL&SS Divn, KPTCL, Gadag.

Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **28.07.2022 at 10:00 Hrs** onwards. Due date: **12.08.2022 at 4:00 pm.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
TL & SS Division, KPTCL, Bapuji Nagar, Gadag.
Ph: 08372-234350.

District Urban Development Cell, Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District.
ದೂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08172-234839 E-mail: pdhassandudc@gmail.com
No:Mun(2)CR/48/2022-23 Date:27-07-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Hassan Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District, Hassan invites tenders in two cover system using KG document from Manufacturers/ Authorise delears for CMSMTDP Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 project Hassan District, City Municipal Council, Hassan Package works as details below:- **Sl. No.1)Indent No.e-procNo. DMA/ 2022-23/- Indent No: 14274 Description of Work:** Supply of electrical Two Wheel Motor Cycle (200 NOs) in Hassan City Municipal Council Limit, Hassan District. **Amount put to Tender (inluding GST) (Rs.in Lakhs):** Rs.130.00 2)**e-procNo. DMA/2022-23/-Indent No: 14275 Description of Work:** Supply of the Laptop (135 Nos) in Hassan City Municipal CouncilLimit, Hassan District. **Amount put to Tender (inluding GST) (Rs.in Lakhs):** Rs.33.88 Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. suppliers can download the tender documents from the E-Procurement platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and Tenders Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically Calender of events & other information is as follows:- **Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: Sl.No.1)Indent No.**e-procNo. DMA/ 2022-23/-Indent No: 14274 **Period of Complition:** Months **Earnest Money Deposit:**Rs.1.95 Lakhs **Tender Pre-bid Meeting Date:**10-08-2022 **Last Date for submitting of completed tender documents in E-portal:** 16-8-2022 5-30 PM **Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids):** 18-8-2022 2)e-procNo. DMA/ 2022-23/-Indent No: 14275 **Period of Complition:** Months **Earnest Money Deposit:**Rs.0.68 Lakhs **Tender Pre-bid Meeting Date:**10-08-2022 **Last Date for submitting of completed tender documents in E-portal:** 16-8-2022 5-30 PM **Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids):** 18-8-2022 Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DUDC, Hassan.

ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು/ಹಿರಿ/ಪೌರಕಾ/ಜಂಸಂ/347/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105
Phone No: 08472-278634 Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/834 Dated : 25-07-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below
The Tender Document with detailed condtions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only
1) Name of work : **Sedam taluka -02 (Indent No 41976 &43174),** 2) Head of A/C : DMF, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-II & III & above, 4) Tender Amount: Min 90,64,000/-, Max 1,16,57,360/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 27-07-2022 11:00am, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: 04-08-2022 4.00pm, 8) Opening of Techincal Bid : 05-08-2022 4.01pm, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: 08-08-2022 11:00am, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitaion, Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/418/MC&A/2022-23

Govt. Of Karnataka
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, BIDAR
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಗವಾನಪೈಕ-ತಲಾ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೀದರ-585 401.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ 08482-231688, Email-eerdwsd.bdr1@gmail.com
Ref:EE/RDWSD/Bidar/PB-1/Tender/2022-23/700 Date: 27-07-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer RDWS & S Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible bidders for the works above Rs. 76.45 Lakhs to 264.68 Lakhs (11Nos of works) as per KW-3 & KW-4 Standard Tender Bid Document under H/A JJM for the year 2021-22 through e-Procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in only. The KTPP Act shall be followed.

TIME SCHEDULE :

1) Notification Date and Download of tender schedule documents through e portal: **27.07.2022 to 04.08.2022,** 2) Last date for submission of bids: **04.08.2022 Time : 17.00 PM,** 3) Date & Time of Technical bid opening: **06.08.2022 Time : 11.00 AM,** 4) Date & Time of Financial bid opening: After Technical bid Approval

For details of works and conditions, please contact this office in office hours or visit website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in where the details are available.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDWS&S Division Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/156/MC&A/2022-23

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Jnanabharathi Campus, Bengaluru – 560 056. Website: www.bangaloreuniversity.ac.in
No: Aca-IV/BU/5 years Int. Course/2022-23 Dated: 22.07.2022

NOTIFICATION

Ref: approval of the Vice-Chancellor's dated: 21.07.2022

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Death by hooch

India needs a more honest discussion on the risks and benefits of prohibition

A hooch tragedy that claimed over 40 lives in Gujarat's Botad district brings to the fore, yet again, the contentious question of prohibition. Gujarat is one of the four States in India that prohibits alcohol. The victims consumed poisonous methyl alcohol sold in plastic pouches by bootleggers. Twenty-four people have been named as accused in the FIRs and 14 have been arrested. Police action that follows every such tragedy barely inspires public confidence; indeed, it conceals the complicity of the administration in protecting the black market for alcohol, wherever prohibition exists. It is difficult to assume that vast networks of illegal manufacturing and sale of liquor could exist without the patronage of the police and politicians. Reports suggest that in this case, specific complaints were made to the police, who continued to look the other way. Prohibition makes liquor illegal, but it hides in the black market. By driving sales and production underground, the State loses tax revenues while consumers are exposed to huge health risks. Though prohibition is listed among the Directive Principles of state policy in the Constitution, no State has been able to achieve it with any enduring effectiveness. Globally, it is a similar experience.

Prohibition has, however, remained a potent slogan for some politicians. Alcohol damages health, family finances, and human relationships, and the call to ban it altogether has a certain moral, even if not practical, appeal. But using the sledgehammer of the law to stop alcohol use can be counterproductive, as experience shows. The Gujarat High Court is considering five petitions that challenge the constitutional validity of the Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949 on grounds that it violates fundamental rights including privacy. The law is being questioned for its alleged arbitrariness as it allows tourists from outside the State to consume alcohol in the State. The prohibition laws give sweeping and intrusive powers to the police, who, at least in one case in the recent past in Gujarat, used them against political protesters. On the one hand, prohibition offers the opportunity for rent collection and on the other it lets the police free to selectively apply the law. There is a moral burden that several political parties in India try to carry on their shoulders to discourage or bar alcohol consumption – several parties bar members from consuming alcohol – but in practice this turns out to be comical hypocrisy. With Gujarat already in campaign mode for the Assembly election that is only months away, the tragedy has prompted the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party to train their guns on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. Rather than clinging on to dogmas and impossible goals of social reform through coercive law, there must be a more honest discussion on prohibition.

In search of relevance

The Commonwealth Games will get off to a quiet start in Birmingham

The 2022 Commonwealth Games organisers will feel fortunate that the third largest multi-sport event is all set to take off in Birmingham without being affected by the pandemic, on Thursday. The Games – representing 2.5 billion people from 72 nations and territories which were once ruled by the erstwhile British Empire – have been staged over the years amid anti-colonial sentiments and huge costs involved in hosting such an event. But the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has asserted that the Games – with its diversity that includes India with 1.3 billion people and Niue with a population of around 2,000 - have entered an era of renewed relevance. Underlining this, Birmingham, which replaced Durban as the host city and is ready to accommodate 6,500 athletes and officials by integrating 19 sports and eight para-sports, has highlighted the uniqueness of this latest edition. The debut of women's T20 cricket, 3x3 basketball and mixed synchronised swimming will be among the new features for the first carbon neutral games being held at an estimated budget of nearly £800 million.

India, which has not finished outside the top five since 2002, has fielded more than 200 athletes across 19 different sports and para-sports. Still, the country, which gathered 66 medals in the previous edition in Gold Coast, may witness a sharp dip in its collection as there is no shooting, which contributed 16 medals in 2018. The removal of shooting from the 2022 edition and the absence of wrestling (another discipline that earned many medals for India) from the 2026 edition have not gone down well with the Indian sports fraternity. When shooting was left out of the 2022 programme, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had threatened to boycott the event. A compromise formula, under which shooting and archery were to be held in Chandigarh separately, could not be implemented due to the pandemic. In a recent meeting with the CGF president, Dame Louise Martin, top IOA officials made a request to include shooting and wrestling in the 2026 edition. At present, India will depend on its wrestlers, weightlifters, shuttlers, boxers, paddlers and squash players to win medals. In the absence of Olympic champion and World championships silver medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, India will look forward to the likes of steeplechaser Avinash Sable, long jumper M. Sreeshankar and javelin thrower Annu Rani to deliver the goods. A good showing in athletics will redeem some pride for India, which faced embarrassment following three athletes testing positive for banned substances. The hockey players, who won plaudits for their impressive showing in the Tokyo Olympics, and women cricketers will also provide hope to sports lovers.

The poor state of India's fiscal federalism

Concerns of the founding fathers — addressing socio-economic inequities — are being forgotten in today's fiscal policy

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In his last speech, in 1949, to the Constituent Assembly, B.R. Ambedkar sounded a note of caution about the Indian republic entering a life of contradictions. "In politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality. These conflicts demanded attention: fail to do so, and those denied will blow up the structure of political democracy", he warned, though Jawaharlal Nehru truly believed that inequities could be addressed through his tryst with the planning process. A degree of centralisation in fiscal power was required to address the concerns of socio-economic and regional disparities, he felt. This asymmetric federalism, inherent to the Constitution, was only accelerated and mutually reinforced with political centralisation since 2014, making the Union Government extractive rather than enabling. While States lost their capacity to generate revenue by surrendering their rights in the wake of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, their expenditure pattern too was distorted by the Union's intrusion, particularly through its centrally sponsored schemes .

A politicised institution

Historically, India's fiscal transfer worked through two pillars, i.e., the Planning Commission and the Finance Commission. But the waning of planning since the 1990s, and its abolition in 2014, led to the Finance Commission becoming a major means of fiscal transfer as the commission itself broadened its scope of sharing all taxes since 2000 from its original design of just two taxes – income tax and Union excise duties. Today, the Finance Commission became a politicised institution with arbitrariness and inherent bias towards the Union government. The original intention of addressing inequities, a lofty idea, indeed, was turned on its head as it metamorphosed into one of the world's most regressive taxation systems due to a centralised fiscal policy.

So, let us see what has changed since 2014. The concerns of the founding fathers – addressing socio-economic inequities – were forgotten in the process of ushering in an era of political centralisation and cultural nationalism that drive today's fiscal policy. To be sure, India was never truly federal – it was a 'holding together federalism' in contrast to the 'coming together federalism,' in which smaller independent entities come together to form a federation (as in the United States of America). In fact, the Government of India Act 1935 was more federal in nature than the Constitution adopted on January 26, 1950 as the first offered more power to its provincial governments.

Anticipating this threat of centralisation, C.N. Annadurai asserted in the Tamil Nadu Assembly in 1967, 'I want the centre to be strong enough to maintain the sovereignty and integrity of India...should they have education and health department here... in what way does that strengthen the sovereignty and independence of India?' Subsequently, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam constituted a committee under Justice P.V. Rajamannar in 1969, the first of its kind by a State government, to look at Centre-State fiscal relations and recommend more transfers and taxation powers for regional governments. It did not cut ice with the rest of India and centralisation, though partly contained in the 1990s and 2000s due to the coalition at the Centre, touched its apogee in 2014.

Hollowing out fiscal capacity

The ability of States to finance current expenditures from their own revenues has declined from 69% in 1955-56 to less than 38% in 2019-20. While the expenditure of the States has been shooting up, their revenues did not. They still spend 60% of the expenditure in the country – 85% in education and 82% in health. Since States cannot raise tax revenue because of curtailed indirect tax rights – subsumed in GST, except for petroleum products, electricity and alcohol – the revenue has been stagnant at 6% of GDP in the past decade.

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Even the increased share of devolution, mooted by the Fourteenth Finance Commission, from 32% to 42%, was subverted by raising non-divisive cess and surcharges that go directly into the Union kitty. This non-divisive pool in the Centre's gross tax revenues shot up to 15.7% in 2020 from 9.43% in 2012, shrinking the divisible pool of resources for transfers to States. In addition, the recent drastic cut in corporate tax, with its adverse impact on the divisible pool, and ending GST compensation to States have had huge consequences.

Besides these, States are forced to pay differential interest – about 10% against 7% – by the Union for market borrowings. It is not just that States are also losing due to gross fiscal mismanagement – increased surplus cash in balance of States that is money borrowed at higher interest rates – the Reserve Bank of India, when there is a surplus in the treasury, typically invests it in short treasury bills issued by the Union at lower interest rate. In sum, the Union gains at the expense of States by exploiting these interest rate differentials.

By turning States into mere implementing agencies of the Union's schemes, their autonomy has been curbed. There are 131 centrally sponsored schemes, with a few dozen of them accounting for 90% of the allocation, and States required to share a part of the cost. They spend about 25% to 40% as matching grants at the expense of their priorities. These schemes, driven by the one-size-fits-all approach, are given precedence over State schemes, undermining the electorally mandated democratic politics of States.

In fact, it is the schemes conceived by States that have proved to be beneficial to the people and that have contributed to social development. Driven by democratic impulses, States have been successful in innovating schemes that were adopted at the national level, for example, employment guarantee in Maharashtra, the noon meals in Tamil Nadu, local governance in Karnataka and Kerala, and school education in Himachal Pradesh.

The diversion of a State's own funds to centrally sponsored schemes, thereby depleting resources for its own schemes, violates constitutional provision. Why should there be a centrally sponsored scheme on an item that is in the State list? Similarly, why should the State share the expenditure of a scheme on the Union list? For instance, health is on the State list, so why should the Union thrust this scheme onto States; even on those that are better performing such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala? It only impedes States from charting their own autonomous path of development.

Deepening inequality

This political centralisation has only deepened inequality. The World Inequality Report estimates 'that the ratio of private wealth to national income increased from 290% in 1980 to 555% in 2020, one of the fastest such increases in the world. The poorest half of the population has less than 6% of the wealth while the top 10% nearly grab two-third of it'. India has a poor record on taxing its rich. Its tax-GDP ratio has been one of the lowest in the world – 17% of which is well below the average ratios of emerging market economies and OECD countries' about 21% and 34%, respectively.

Pavithra Suryanarayan, a political scientist at London School of Economics, demonstrates that the Indian elites historically undermined fiscal capacity as they felt threatened by the political equality offered by the one person-one vote system. That hollowing out of fiscal capacity continued for decades after Independence, resulting in one of the lowest tax bases built on a regressive indirect taxation system in the world. India has simply failed to tax its property classes. If taxing on agriculture income was resisted in the 1970s when the sector prospered, corporate tax has been slashed by successive governments thanks to a pro-business turn in the 1990s. India does not have wealth tax either. Its income tax base has been very narrow. Indirect tax still accounts for about 56% of total taxes. Instead of strengthening direct taxation, the Union government slashed corporate tax from 35% to 25% in 2019 and went on to monetise its public sector assets to finance infrastructure.

In sum, India's fiscal federalism driven by political centralisation has deepened socio-economic inequality, belying the dreams of the founding fathers who saw a cure for such inequities in planning. It has not altered inter-state disparities either. If there was anything that alleviated poverty, reduced inequality and improved the well-being of people, these were the time-tested schemes of State governments, but they are now under threat.

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The message for Biden — West Asia has moved on

The U.S. President's visit could serve his domestic interests to some extent, but it has made no difference to the region

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After proclaiming over 16 months the disengagement of the United States from West Asia, U.S. President Joe Biden made his first trip to the region on July 13-16 since taking office. The tour covered Israel, a quick encounter with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and then a halt in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for a bilateral engagement with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and a joint meeting with the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and those from Egypt, Jordan and Iraq.

Since the visit involved the high-profile rehabilitation of the Saudi crown prince whom Mr. Biden had reviled earlier, in a recent OpEd, Mr. Biden addressed his critics: he asserted that his intention during the visit to Saudi Arabia was to "re-orient – but not rupture – relations" with the country. He noted in this context the kingdom's role in promoting GCC unity, peace in Yemen, and stability in the oil markets. Mr. Biden also spoke of the need for the U.S. to "counter Russia's aggression" and "outcompete China" – and recognised Saudi Arabia's central contribution in achieving these goals.

Not surprisingly, his critics were not mollified. A recent editorial in the U.S. media described the visit as a "low point" for the President and "one he won't soon live down". Shadi Hamid of Brookings called the visit a "major setback for American interests".

The Biden agenda

Mr. Biden's immediate concern during the visit was to encourage Saudi Arabia and its GCC partners to significantly increase oil production and, in the process, break their affiliation with "OPEC +" where they partner Russia in managing the group's production.

The U.S. view is that increased oil production would help bring down oil prices – a much-needed respite for the U.S. President at a time when the U.S.-initiated embargo on Russian energy supplies has thrown global oil markets into disarray and boosted prices. This has meant that the cost of petrol at American petrol stations has crossed $5 a gallon. U.S. consumers are thus saddled with inflation just a few months before the November mid-term elections where a Democratic defeat could turn Mr. Biden into a lame duck president and open the doors for a Republican victory in the next presidential elections.

But, not wanting to be seen as sacrificing moral principle for energy benefits, Mr. Biden had clarified that, in Jeddah, he would be attending a larger meeting of Arab leaders and that "it has to do with national security for them – for Israelis". His officials also hinted to mediapersons that the President would promote the normalisation of ties between Israel and Saudi Arabia. They even spoke of a possible regional security alignment, with Israel partnering the neighbouring Arab states in a robust coalition against Iran.

Some commentators asserted that the visit would be "resurrecting US leadership in the Middle East" – the solid alliance that the U.S. had put together in Europe against Russia would be replicated in West Asia, directed against both Russia and China. Mr. Biden affirmed this vision in his first remarks in Jeddah when he said the U.S. "will not walk away" from the region and "leave a vacuum to be filled by China, Russia or Iran"; he promised, instead, "active, principled, American leadership".

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In West Asia

Mr. Biden's foray in Israel was a 'love fest'. He signed the 'Jerusalem Declaration' that essentially reaffirmed all earlier U.S. commitments to Israel's security. It included the American pledge "never to allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon" and "to use all elements of its national power to ensure that outcome". However, much to Israel's chagrin, Mr. Biden insisted that he would pursue diplomacy in addressing the nuclear issue with Iran and refused to set a deadline for the finalisation of the nuclear agreement.

The interaction with Mahmoud Abbas was largely cosmetic. While vaguely referring to the "two-state solution", Mr. Biden distanced himself from promoting negotiations on substantial issues, nor did he attempt to overturn former U.S. President Donald Trump's recognition of Israel's authority over Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank. He also failed to push the Israelis to inquire into the killing of the Palestinian journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh, most probably by an Israeli sniper.

The sojourn in Jeddah provided a reality check. In a remarkable display of unity, the nine Arab leaders refused to back the U.S. in its confrontation with Russia and impose sanctions. The GCC oil producers made no promise to increase oil production, or attempt to break-up the "OPEC +" coalition. Above all, they rejected Mr. Biden's efforts to play down Palestinian aspirations: according to Egyptian media, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi emphasised the central importance of addressing this issue for regional peace and security.

Again, Saudi Arabia made no move to normalise ties with Israel; it only agreed to overflights of Israeli civilian aircraft over its airspace. The GCC states also rejected the blandishment of a regional security grouping that would bring Israel as their partner against Iran. A day after Mr. Biden's departure, the Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubair, said ties with Israel would be normalised only after the two-state solution between Israel and Palestine.

The outlook

Mr. Biden unwittingly had walked into a region that has changed significantly. As the U.S. was losing its credibility as a regional security-provider and Mr. Biden affirmed his country's disengagement from West Asia, the principal regional states have been pursuing several diplomatic interactions with their neighbours, without any U.S. involvement: Saudi Arabia has already had five rounds of discussions with Iran in Baghdad, and is preparing for the next round; Iran is no longer viewed as the outlier nation that threatens the region: the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced dispatching its ambassador to Tehran, while Saudi Arabia has accepted the need for improved ties with the Islamic Republic.

Again, Turkey has reached out enthusiastically to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, while Iraq, Jordan and Egypt have announced a regional economic and political alignment. The Arab states have accepted Israel as an integral part of Middle East geopolitics, but have made further normalisation of ties conditional on genuine progress on matters relating to Palestinian aspirations. And, finally, all the regional states have built close and substantial political and economic ties with Russia and China.

Thus, West Asia reflects the same multipolarity that is emerging at the global level. Though the region still buys U.S. weaponry and hosts American military bases, it no longer sees the U.S. as central to the region's security interests; nor does it share its hostility to Russia and China.

Mr. Biden's vision of a West Asia beholden to the U.S. for its security is obsolete. His visit could serve his domestic interests to some extent, but it has made no difference to the region. West Asia has moved on.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Court on poll freebies

At a time when freebies have been playing a growing and prominent role in electoral politics, the Supreme Court's pointed question on whether these promises can be curbed is pertinent (Page 1, "Can promises of 'irrational' poll freebies be curbed, SC asks govt.", July 27). Despite being aware of the fact that freebies promised during elections cause an additional burden to the exchequer, political parties have been competing with each other in announcing unsustainable and irrational freebies to woo the voters. In their competitive outbidding, political parties do not look beyond the elections as what matters is coming to or retaining power at any cost. In their quest for power, they never think about the financial viability of such promises. Further, the distribution of freebies for votes has vitiated the need for conducting free and fair elections. It is time the Government and the Election Commission of India take the necessary steps to correct the situation.

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■ The Supreme Court of India flagging the issue as 'serious' is not only justifiable but also the need of the hour. It goes without saying that freebies are a form of bribery and enticement, undermining the fairness of the democratic process. Unambiguous guidelines need to be laid down, and strict compliance with such guidelines ensured in the interests of all concerned.

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Chennai and Olympiad

Holding the Chess Olympiad in India is in itself a moment of triumph. And, Chennai is India's chess hub. Though the game does not involve any physical prowess, it is still considered the 'gymnasium of the mind.' And it sure entails dexterity.

R. SIVAKUMAR,
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CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS: In the story titled "India adds five more Ramsar sites" (July 27, 2022), a sentence read: "Until 1981, India had 41 Ramsar sites though the last decade has seen the sharpest rise –13 – in designating new sites." It should be recast to say: "Until 2012, India had 26 Ramsar sites though the last decade has seen the sharpest rise – 28 – in designating new sites."

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Lessons from the Burkapal acquittal

The case raises questions about the investigation skills of the local police and the impact of police action

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File photo of injured CRPF being taken to Raipur for treatment. • PTI

On April 24, 2017, Maoists killed 25 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans near the Burkapal security camp in Sukma district. On July 15 this year, a National Investigation Agency (NIA) court acquitted all the 121 tribal people who were held responsible for the deaths of the jawans.

The police party consisted of 70 CRPF jawans and two from the district police force. They were guarding the construction site of a culvert about one km from the security camp from 12 noon when they were ambushed by a large group of 200-250 alleged Maoists. The exchange of fire started at 12.55 p.m. and continued till about 2.30 pm.

The investigating officer seized two non-electric detonators and codex wire (generally used in mining) from one accused, and a locally made HE Bomb from another accused. Other recoveries and seizures included items such as bows and arrows, empty cartridges of SLR, INSAS and UBGL, cartridges' pouch, and camouflage lower. The body of one slain Maoist was also recovered from the spot.

Silence of judgment

The judgment says that five witnesses did not corroborate the memorandum of disclosure, seizure memo, and arrest memo. Similarly, 15 other witnesses did not identify any of the accused persons. They showed ignorance about the incident and refused having given any statements to the police. It is surprising that only the dead Maoist was identified and not any of the other accused persons, who mostly belonged either to the Burkapal village or adjoining villages. Only eight were from the neighbouring Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh, and one from Telangana (and Andhra Pradesh from which most of the Maoist leaders hailed). Though they were declared hostile, nothing relevant could be extracted from them. No reason was given as to why the prosecution witness (the police), who made recoveries of detonators and codex wire, were not believed or disbelieved. This was an important recovery because these explosive materials are not used by the police. It is surprising that whereas the death of all the 25 security men was admitted (in evidence) as homicidal in nature as per the post-mortem reports, no attempt was seemingly made to link the recoveries of explosive materials with the type of injuries caused to the security men. There is no mention in the judgment of any (spent) bullet or other material recovered during the post-mortem. Similarly, there is no reference to any forensic science examination report of the seized or recovered material.

Deficient investigation

The accused persons were also charged with two sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967 (along with Indian Penal Code sections), which means that those arrested were assumed to be members of the proscribed CPI (Maoist) outfit and support their activities. However, looking at the judgment, none of the 121 accused is shown to be a member of any of the Maoist's specific formations such as military battalion or company or platoon or local guerrilla squad or militia or the political organisation or a member of the Jantana Sarkar. The Maoists also have various *sanghs* (unions) such as the Dandkarnaya Adivasi Kisan Mazdoor Sangh and the Krantikari Adivasi Mahila Sangh and Chetna Natya Manch. In the absence of any such specific additional evidence to corroborate charges, it was difficult for the court to convict them under the UAPA. The Maoists have their so-called constitution, wherein the procedure to give membership is detailed. Since the punishment under these sections is up to 10 years of imprisonment, the investigating officer should have produced some documental or other evidence to buttress their case. It is important to note that the movement of the Maoist's Battalion Number One (headed by Dandakarnaya Special Zonal Committee member and absconder Hidmal) is generally found in this area. Besides this, many other formations are also active in this region.

Second, the judgment does not mention any Forensic Science Laboratory report being produced by the police in favour of the important recovery of codex wire and detonator, whose possession itself is punishable under the Explosive Substances Act of 1908. It is also worth noting that detonators do not have any unique identification number. Therefore, it becomes difficult to reach the main culprit who supplied these explosive materials to the Maoists for illegitimate use.

The district police established the Burkapal camp in May 2013, but it was later taken over by the CRPF the same year. It is one of the 12 security camps which falls on the 56-km Dornapal-Jagargunda road. This area is highly infested with IEDs, trap holes (full of iron spikes) and is vulnerable for laying ambushes. On April 6, 2010, 76 CRPF personnel were killed near Mukram, about 3 km from Burkapal. The Maoists have a stronghold in this area, which is a part of their South Bastar Division. In many pockets of this area, the Maoists claim to have been waging mobile warfare because the security camps are not sufficient to dominate the surrounding area. However, with many security camps coming up in this area too, it is hoped that the Maoist's 'base area' will gradually vanish. Till then, security forces have to be watchful of their tactics. It is well known that the Maoists launch the Tactical Counter-Offensive Campaign from February-March to May-June every year, during which they organise themselves into various commands and attack the security forces. Therefore, every precaution needs to be taken to avoid falling into the Maoists' trap.

A challenge

It will be no exaggeration to state that conducting proper investigation in such areas is itself a great challenge, where witnesses don't come forward to support the police fearing adverse consequences from the Maoists. The police, therefore, should make use of more forensic and technology tools such as audio-video means to record statements and seizures during investigation wherever possible. The surrendered cadres of the area may be useful in corroborating the accused persons' place in the Maoist organisation. A checklist must be prepared to ensure that there is sufficient evidence to support each allegation. Senior officers should ensure that no lacunas are left in investigation and the standard operating procedure is followed by the field officers. The acquittal of all the accused persons in such a major attack raises questions not only about the investigation skills of the local police, but also about the real impact of such police action on the ground.

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A future free of hepatitis

Early diagnosis is the gateway for both prevention and successful treatment

POONAM KHETRAPAL SINGH

On this World Hepatitis Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) is highlighting the need to bring hepatitis care closer to the people in need. This means making hepatitis care available, affordable and accessible to all without discrimination. This is crucial in the quest to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030, a global target. Elimination would translate to 90% reduction in incidence and 65% reduction in mortality by 2030, compared to the corresponding figures of 2015.

It's time to act

The action against hepatitis cannot wait any longer. Why is that? First, hepatitis is the only communicable disease where mortality is showing an increasing trend. Globally, approximately 354 million people are suffering from hepatitis B and C. Southeast Asia has 20% of the global morbidity burden of hepatitis. About 95% of all hepatitis-related deaths are due to cirrhosis and liver cancers caused by the hepatitis B and C virus.

Second, viral hepatis is preventable. Clean food and good personal hygiene, along with access to safe water and sanitation, can protect us from hepatitis A and E. Measures to prevent hepatitis B and C need to focus on full coverage with hepatitis B immunisation including a birth dose, as well as access to safe blood, safe sex and safe needle usage.

Third, a world free of hepatitis is practical and feasible. We have the tools to diagnose, treat, prevent and therefore eliminate chronic viral hepatitis. Safe and effective vaccines exist to prevent hepatitis B, alongside new and powerful antiviral drugs that can manage chronic hepatitis B and cure most cases of hepatitis C. These interventions together with early diagnosis and awareness campaigns have the potential to prevent 4.5 million premature deaths in low- and middle-income countries by 2030 globally.

However, access to these services are often out of reach for communities as they are usually available at centralised/specialised hospitals at a cost which cannot be afforded by all. People continue to die because of late diagnosis or lack of appropriate treatment. Early diagnosis is the gateway for both prevention and successful treatment.

Modest testing and treatment coverage is the most important gap to be addressed. If we look at the treatment cascade of the Southeast Asia region, only about 10% of people with hepatitis know their status; and of them, only 5% are on treatment. Of the estimated 10.5 million people with hepatitis C, just 7% know their status, of which around one in five are on treatment. This gap needs to be patched up. This is what this year's World Hepatitis Day campaign is all about.

Amid all the challenges, the region has continued to implement key interventions to prevent, detect and treat hepatitis. Since 2016, when the region launched its Action Plan for viral hepatitis 2016-2021, nine countries have achieved more than 90% coverage of the third dose of hepatitis B vaccine. Four countries have achieved the hepatitis B control target of less than 1% seroprevalence among children over five years of age.

Transitional targets

En route to the 2030 target of eliminating hepatitis, there are some transitional targets to be achieved. By 2025, we must reduce new infections of hepatitis B and C by half, reduce deaths from liver cancer by 40%, ensure that 60% of people living with hepatitis B and C are diagnosed and that half of those eligible receive appropriate treatment. This can only be achieved if hepatitis care reaches the community. Several priorities must be addressed for this. These include the need to enhance political commitment across all countries of the region and ensure sustained domestic funding for hepatitis; improve access to drugs and diagnostics by further reducing prices; develop communication strategies to increase awareness; and innovate service delivery to maximise the use of differentiated and people-centred service delivery options across HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs to tailor and deliver services according to people's needs and preferences in line with the primary healthcare approach. Decentralising hepatitis care to peripheral health facilities, community-based venues and locations beyond hospital sites brings care nearer to patients' homes.

For the first time, an integrated Regional Action Plan for viral hepatitis, HIV and STIs 2022-2026 is being developed by WHO. This will ensure effective and efficient utilisation of limited resources available for the region and will guide countries to adopt a person-centred approach rather than a disease-specific one.

As we observe World Hepatitis Day, we must act together with communities and all stakeholders for a future free of hepatitis. This will lay a firm foundation for a healthier, more equitable and more prosperous world.

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STATE OF PLAY

Mamata in a spot

As another 'scam' taints the TMC's image, the Chief Minister needs to do more about corruption

SHIV SAHAY SINGH

The Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s arrest of West Bengal Industry and Commerce Minister Partha Chatterjee in the alleged School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam has put the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in a tight spot. More than the embarrassment of the recovery of cash and jewellery worth ₹21 crore from the house of Arpita Mukherjee, an associate of the Minister, the allegations of the money being taken for appointments in State-run schools have posed difficult questions for the TMC leadership.

This is not the first time that the ruling party has had to defend allegations of corruption. But unlike earlier occasions, the TMC has distanced itself from the Minister. West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chairperson Mamata Banerjee has kept herself away from the controversy by saying that she had no idea about the scam and that the Minister should be sent to life imprisonment if found guilty. Her remarks were also a way of absolving the party and the government of the deed. This marks a departure from the Narada sting videos and Saradha and other chit fund scams where the party alleged a conspiracy, and defended its leadership.

Allegations of irregularities in the recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in State-run schools have been flying thick and fast for the past few years. Job seekers have staged protests for days and months on end in Kolkata. However, the State government turned a blind eye to such allegations and protests.

It was only at the intervention of the Calcutta High Court that an investigation into the alleged irregularities was launched. Between September 2021 and July 2022, Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay of the Calcutta High Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe irregularities in appointments in at least eight cases. The FIR and action by the ED including the Minister's arrest follow the CBI registering complaints at the instruction of the High Court. It took the recovery of a huge hoard of cash and the arrest of Mr. Chatterjee to shake things up.

Despite the outrage over the arrest and seizure, the TMC has not acted against the Minister. Mr. Chatterjee continues to remain a Cabinet Minister and key TMC functionary. Another Minister, Paresh Chandra Adhikary, against whom the High Court directed registering of a case following allegations that his daughter was appointed as teacher in a State-run school while examinees getting higher marks were denied the job, continues to hold office.

Unemployment continues to remain one of the biggest issues in the State. Before the 2021 Assembly election, West Bengal witnessed protests over corruption in delivery of welfare schemes at the gram panchayat level. Any normalisation of corruption in government jobs, which are very few, cannot be allowed in a State with a nearly 10 crore population. Clearly, Ms. Banerjee needs to do more on the issue of corruption. For the BJP and the Left, which has failed to organise a movement on the issue of corruption, the arrest has provided ammunition to target the government.

The experience of the people of the State with central investigation agencies has also not been satisfactory. Despite a decade of investigation into the Saradha and other chit fund scams, the investigations are yet to be completed and duped investigators are awaiting their money. In the Narada sting case, the central agencies have gone after only those who are with the TMC and spared those who have joined the BJP. In the alleged SSC recruitment scam, with the fate of thousands of job seekers at stake, it is imperative for central agencies to do a better job so that these young men and women, some of whom have even passed the recruitment age, get justice.

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DATA POINT

Consumer sentiment weaker in **rural** areas

In a consumer sentiment survey conducted by **Sambodhi Panels** in June 2022 across India, significant differences were observed between urban and rural households in their path to recovery post the pandemic. Close to half the earners surveyed confirmed that there has been some sort of economic recovery after 2021, a tough year because of COVID-19-related disruptions. However, recovery was higher in urban areas than in rural. Across most questions, including on savings, household expenses and the general economic situation, recovery was better among urban residents than rural

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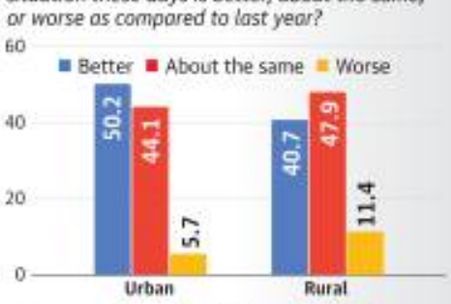

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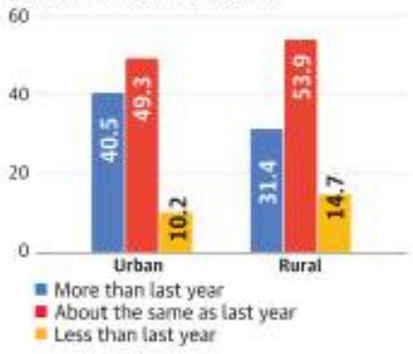

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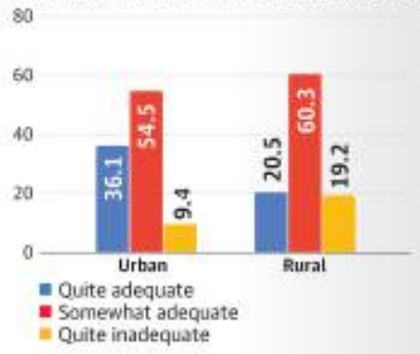

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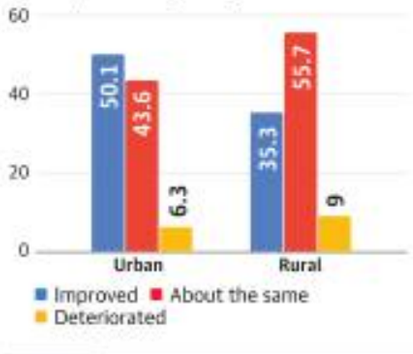

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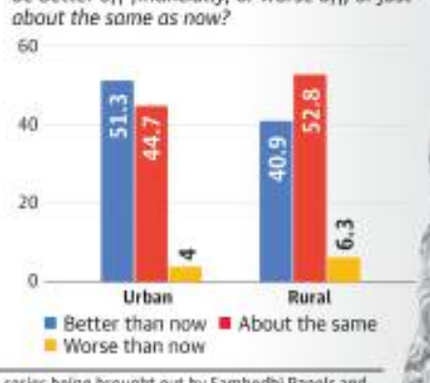

Source: The Consumer Sentiment Survey is a longitudinal series being brought out by Sambodhi Panels and Development Intelligence Unit

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 28, 1972

Fischer wins eighth game

Rekyjavik, July 27: American challenger Bobby Fischer to-night won the eighth game in the world chess championship when Russian titleholder, Boris Spassky resigned on the 37th move. The American challenger again failed to arrive on time for the start of the game, coming 12 minutes late. His first move was P-QB4 to which Spassky replied P-QB4. Fischer's opening move was the same as the one he made in the sixth game on Sunday in which he forced Spassky to resign on the 41st move. But the Russian's reply was different this time. There was silence in the packed auditorium when Spassky arrived level, and then returned to the stage. He told Fischer had only wanted reassurance that the camera there was not noisy. The opening game was pure cat and mouse: Fischer made a move, Spassky repeated it. The position on the board was symmetrical for the first six moves, with all four knights out and king side bishops free to move. Fischer's choice of bishop's pawn opening indicated he had not found an answer to Spassky's innovation in the fourth game, when the challenger used his favourite king's pawn opening and drew. Spassky's mirror-play was thought designed to irritate Fischer, forcing him to play "against himself". The symmetry was smashed at the seventh move as Fischer forced a pawn and then a knight exchange. This left his pieces better developed, with the queen well up.

Fischer agrees to TV coverage: Bobby Fischer to-day agreed to allow television coverage of to-night's 8th game of his world chess championship against Spassky so that his "millions of fans" could see him. The ABC television producer, Mr. Lern Hassan, said he spent 45 minutes discussing the final arrangements for televising tonight's game with the American and Fischer agreed.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 28, 1922

Frontier raids

Simla, July 26: A Press Communique says: Mahsud: During the past ten days there has been very little action on the part of Mahsuds. On the 18th instant a sepoy of the 37th Doaras who moving about a piquet at Khirgi was fired at and severely wounded. Another raid on a contractor's sheep by Jalal Khel took place on 15th at about 10 o'clock in the morning near Bera Rogha. The raiders after a fight with the Badragg a (tribal) guard in which the latter lost two men wounded cleared off with 100 sheep. During the pursuit it is believed that the raiders lost one man wounded.

FROM PAGE ONE

SC upholds powers of arrest, raid under PMLA

Justice Khanwilkar underscored how illegitimate money could disappear abroad with a click of the mouse. "Once this money leaves the country, it is almost impossible to get it back".

The court rejected submissions by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for petitioners, that the accused's right against self-incrimination suffered when the ED summoned them and made them sign statements on threats of arrest.

But the court said these statements were recorded as part of an "inquiry" into the proceeds of crime. A person cannot claim right against self-incrimination at a summons stage.

The petitioners had argued that the ED could arrest a person without showing him or supplying a copy of the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), violating 'due process' and the right to be informed about the grounds of arrest.

Justice Khanwilkar said ECIR was an internal document. Revealing its contents to an accused may have a "deleterious impact" on the case. Besides, the accused was anyway "informed" of the grounds of his arrest.

The petitioners had argued that the "twin conditions" of bail, even for getting anticipatory bail, rendered the hope for freedom non-existent for the accused. The two conditions allowed the prosecutor to oppose the bail plea. Further, the trial court should be convinced that there were reasonable grounds that the applicant was not guilty and was unlikely to commit "any offence" while out on bail".

Responding, the court said money laundering was an "aggravated form of crime the world over". A stringent law creates "a deterrent effect". Besides, the amendments allow an accused who has already spent one-half of the term of punishment as an undertrial to seek bail under Section 436A of the CrPC. But this, again, was not an absolute right.

Justice Khanwilkar found no arbitrariness in shifting the burden of proof from the state onto the shoulders of the accused. The court rejected objections that the ED could even attach property that were not proceeds of crime.

The PMLA is attracted by the mere possession of the crime proceeds and does not require its projection as untainted property, the court noted.

The court said attachment of property under Section 5 of the PMLA cannot be done "mechanically". The provision provides a nice "balancing arrangement" between the interests of the accused and the state. Arguments on punishments under PMLA being harsh were dismissed by the court as "flimsy and tenuous".

BSNL gets ₹1.64 lakh crore lifeline from govt.

Also, the government would provide ₹13,789 crore to BSNL as viability gap funding for commercially unviable rural wireline operations done during 2014-15 to 2019-20.

Further, to de-stress its balance sheet, ₹33,404 crore of statutory dues would be converted into equity and the government would give a sovereign guarantee to the company to raise long-term bonds of ₹40,399 crore to repay its current high-cost debt. The AGR dues of BSNL amounting to ₹33,404 crore would be settled by conversion into equity, while BSNL would also re-issue preference shares of ₹7,500 crore to the government.

The authorised capital of BSNL would be increased from ₹40,000 crore to ₹1.5 lakh crore in lieu of dues, provision of capex and allotment of spectrum, the Minister said.

"With these steps, BSNL will be able to improve the quality of existing services, roll out 4G services and become financially viable. It is expected that with the implementation of this revival plan, BSNL will generate net profit in the next 3-4 years," he said.

He added that BSNL's 8.6 lakh km optical fibre would be extended by merging BBNL (which has the BharatNet project under it and an optical fibre network of 5.8 lakh km). With this, BSNL would have 14 lakh km of the optical network.

"The revival package will enable BSNL to improve services and generate a net profit in 3-4 years. Its 5G services launch will happen in the next 1.5-2 years," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

"In 1-1.5 years its 4G telecom services will reach people." On the merger of MTNL and BSNL, he said the plan was still there but "it needs complex financial restructuring", but in effect the two companies were working as one.

DGCA scales down SpiceJet flights by half

According to the DGCA's monthly data, the airline operated 57.9% of the approved domestic and international departures in May, which falls in the peak travel season.

Responding to the DGCA order, the airline said there "will be absolutely no impact on our flight operations."

"The number of departures of SpiceJet are hereby restricted to 50% of the number of departures approved under Summer Schedule 2022 for a period of eight weeks from the date of issue of this order," said the DGCA's interim order. It added that the decision was based on its findings during spot checks and inspections earlier this month as well as the airline's reply to the show-cause notice served on July 6.

The airline has also been placed under "enhanced surveillance" by the DGCA.

A SpiceJet spokesperson said, "Due to the current lean travel season, SpiceJet, like other airlines, had already rescheduled its flight operations. Hence, there will be absolutely no impact on our flight operations."

Industry insiders who understand network planning say airlines typically reschedule no more than 5% to 10% of approved flights during the lean travel months of July, August and September.

According to the Slot Adherence Guidelines of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, airlines must operate 80% of total departures approved for the entire schedule.

"The DGCA order is an eyewash and amounts to a clean chit," says aviation safety expert Mohan Ranganathan. "If they were really seriously concerned about the airline's deteriorating safety standards, they should have grounded the airline's entire fleet, even if just for a week. Such a move would have sent out a strong message to SpiceJet and other airlines," he added.

Govt. weaponised PMLA: Cong.

The party stages protests as Sonia Gandhi faces ED questioning for the third day

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The Narendra Modi government wants an "Opposition-mukt Bharat", the Congress alleged on Wednesday, as party chief Sonia Gandhi was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for the third day, in an alleged money laundering case linked to the *National Herald* newspaper.

In an indication that the questioning of the Congress chief has concluded, Ms. Gandhi, who was questioned for nearly three hours on day three, was given no fresh summons.

Expressing solidarity with their party chief, Congress MPs marched from the Parliament complex to the adjacent Vijay Chowk lawns, where they held a sit-in and raised slogans.

Sonia Gandhi leaves from her residence to appear before the ED for questioning in New Delhi on Wednesday. • PTI

Sit-in protest

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Rajya Sabha Chief Whip Jairam Ramesh, his Lok Sabha counterpart K. Suresh and a host of MPs sat on an impromptu protest and raised slogans against the "misuse" of agencies such as the ED and the suspension of Opposition MPs from both Houses of Parliament.

They also raised the issues of price rise and imposition of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on certain essential daily use items.

And in a rare show of unity, the party fielded prominent G-23 leaders, Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma, who have been calling for internal reforms, along with Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, to address a press conference in which they claimed that "the law to prevent money laundering has been weaponised by the Modi government to humiliate people".

As Ms. Gandhi, accompanied by her children, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, reached the ED headquarters, MPs took out a march from Parliament but were stopped and detained.

"We are fighting on issues of people such as price rise and GST on essential items of daily use. We will keep fighting against this and the misuse of agencies. The suspension of MPs is wrong and we demand that it be taken back immediately," Mr. Kharge said.

Mr. Chowdhury said, "The manner in which investigative agencies are being used, it seems that the government wants an "Opposition-*mukt* Bharat" and the suspension of MPs in both the House is an *Amrit Kaal* gift".

At the joint press conference, Mr. Sharma said the issue was not just about questioning of political rivals but also about their right to reputation and privacy. "What has become a disturbing trend is that laws are being made more and more draconian, that threaten the foundational values of the Constitution, and the weaponisation of laws and their use is to target and humiliate," Mr. Sharma said.

UN condoles death of peacekeepers in Congo

Violent attack targeted MONUSCO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres, has expressed his "deepest condolences" over the death of two Indian military personnel in a violent attack in the Congo, a spokesperson of the Secretary-General announced.

The attack targeted the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) in Butembo, north Kivu, which has seen violence for more than a decade.

Antonio Guterres

'Deepest condolences'

"The Secretary-General expresses his deepest condolences to the families of the fallen peacekeepers, as well as to the government and the people of India and of Morocco. He wishes a speedy recovery to the injured peacekeeper," the spokesperson said.

The incident began on July 25 when anti-UN demonstrators showed up near the MONUSCO base. The protesters subsequently turned violent. The attack left two Indian military personnel dead alongside a Moroccan soldier, and injured an Egyptian policeman.

Congolese authorities condemned the incident, and promised action against the perpetrators. Mr. Guterres reminded Congo of its agreement with the UN that regards attacks on UN premises as "war crimes" and sought tough measures to bring the perpetrators to justice.

SC verdict detrimental to democracy: Congress

Jairam raises issue of political vendetta

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court judgment that spells out the powers of the Enforcement Directorate will have far-reaching implications for India's democracy, the Congress's communication chief Jairam Ramesh, who had moved the Supreme Court to examine whether or not the PMLA can be classified as a Money Bill, said on Wednesday.

Jairam Ramesh

"The judgment pronounced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the powers of the Enforcement Directorate today will have far-reaching implications for our democracy, especially when Governments are anchored in political vendetta," Mr. Ramesh said.

"The Court has agreed that they "are conscious of the fact that if that ground of challenge is to be accepted, it may go to the root of the matter and amendments effected vide Finance Act would become ineffective. The Court has left these matters to be decided by a larger Bench. This is a matter of some gratification," Mr. Ramesh added.

Money Bill verdict holds the key

Petitioners have questioned legality of PMLA amendments through Money Bills

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The future of several conclusions in the Supreme Court's judgment on Wednesday, upholding amendments giving the Enforcement Directorate almost blanket powers under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) of 2002, may depend on the final outcome of a reference made to a seven-judge Bench in 2019.

The court has left it open for a seven-judge Bench to decide whether these amendments could have been made to the PMLA through the Money Bill route.

In November 2019, a five-judge Bench led by then Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi had referred to a larger Bench the issue and question posed in the Roger Mathew vs South Indian Bank Ltd. case as to whether amendments like these can be passed as a Money Bill in violation of Article 110 of the Constitution.

The judgment by a three-judge Bench led by Justice Khanwilkar on Wednesday, refrained from delving into the question, though the petitioners had questioned the legality of the PMLA amendments which were introduced via Finance Acts/Money Bills.

"At the outset, it was made clear to all concerned that this ground of challenge will not be examined in the present proceedings as it is pending for consideration before the Larger Bench of this court (seven judges) in view of the reference order passed in Roger Mathew. We are conscious of the fact that

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> JUSTICE KHANWILKAR

if that ground of challenge is to be accepted, it may go to the root of the matter and amendments effected vide Finance Act would become unconstitutional or ineffective," Justice Khanwilkar wrote.

The Bench, in its judgment, further delinked writ petitions involving issues relating to Finance Bill/Money Bill, so that they could be heard along with the Roger Mathew case by a seven-judge Bench.

Justice Khanwilkar explained that his Bench had proceeded to hear and decide the other points of challenge – procedure of arrest, search and seizure, pre-conditions of bail, etc. – regarding the PMLA amendments, after taking into consideration the possibility that the seven-judge Bench may uphold their passage as Money Bill.

A Money Bill is deemed to contain only provisions dealing with all or any of the matters under clauses (a) to (g) of Article 110(1), largely including the appropriation of money from the Consolidated Fund of India and taxation. In other words, a Money Bill is restricted only to the specified matters and cannot include within its ambit any other matter.

'No Kashmiri Pandit left Valley in 2022'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Home Affairs informed the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday that no Kashmiri Pandit left the Valley in 2022. After a spate of targeted killings of the members of the minority community in April and May this year, many Pandits had moved to Jammu fearing for their safety.

In response to a question, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that "As per the records, no Kashmiri Pandit has left the Kashmir Valley during the year 2022." It said that the number of Kashmiri Pandits who are still residing in the Valley stands at 6,514 while in 2019 the number stood at 6,432.

Expelled JD(U) leader castigates Nitish Kumar in RSS mouthpiece

Ajay Alok says Bihar CM is practising 'appeasement politics'

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

In the midst of conjectures of volatile vibes between the BJP and its ally in Bihar, the Janata Dal(U), the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's English mouthpiece *Organiser* has published a no-holds-barred interview of expelled JD(U) leader Ajay Alok who strongly criticised Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and said the *sushashan babu* lost the support of both Hindus and Muslims due to his "appeasement politics".

Ajay Alok

Interestingly, the interview, published in the latest edition of the magazine, came just a month after it had published an article criticising the Nitish government following the JD(U)'s demand for a review of the armed forces recruitment scheme Agnipath.

The interview, available on video on the magazine's YouTube channel, is a little over 30 minutes, where Mr. Alok castigates Mr. Kumar's policy of prohibition, stating that it has caused massive loss of revenue in Bihar and lead to the thriving of a parallel economy governed by liquor mafia.

He adds that a huge chunk of money in Bihar is being used in prohibition which is a waste of resources and further alleges that due to the liquor ban, consumption and peddling of drugs has massively increased.

Mr. Alok says that Bihar is suffering due to "uncomfortable allies" and adds that he will not be surprised if Mr. Kumar joins hands with the RJD.

CBI arrests former OSD to Lalu Prasad

Land-for-job scam in the Railways

THE HINDU BUREAU
NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday arrested Bhola Yadav, who was Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to then Railway Minister Lalu Prasad from 2004 to 2009, and a Railway employee, Hridayanand Choudhary, for their alleged involvement in a land-for-job scam. "On Wednesday, searches were conducted at two places in Patna, including the premises of Mr. Yadav's chartered accountant, and two in Darbhanga, Bihar," a CBI official said.

Another accused, Dharmendra Rai, was arrested about two weeks ago. In May, the agency searched over a dozen locations in Delhi and Bihar after registering the case against Mr. Prasad, his wife, Rabri Devi, daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav, and 12 others for alleged appointment of substitutes to the Group-D posts the Railways in lieu of land parcels.

The case is based on a CBI preliminary inquiry, launched on September 23, 2021, into the allegation that several persons were so appointed in different zones. The beneficiaries were later regularised. As alleged, no advertisement or public notice had been issued for the appointments.

The FIR said several Patna residents were appointed in Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kolkata, Jaipur and Hajipur.

Jaishankar to attend SCO conference in Tashkent

Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, China to be present; no confirmation on plans for bilateral meetings

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will come face to face with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto for the first time on Thursday, at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Ministerial meeting in Tashkent, where all eyes are on whether the two Ministers will hold a separate meeting, as well as a possible second meeting this month between Dr. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Dr. S. Jaishankar

Dr. Jaishankar and Mr. Wang met on July 7 to discuss the two-year-old standoff at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and other issues between India and China, a meeting that was followed by the 16th round of Commander-level talks that had been held up for some months.

"[The SCO Ministers] will review ongoing cooperation in expansion of the SCO Organisation and exchange ideas on regional and global developments of common concern," an MEA statement announcing Mr. Jaishankar's visit to Uzbekistan said.

A statement by Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Mr. Bhutto would "hold bilateral meetings with a number of his counterparts from SCO member states on the sidelines.

SCO's major objectives include promoting mutual confidence and good neighbourly relations among member states; strengthening regional peace, security and stability; and creating a framework for effective cooperation" the statement said, without identifying whom all Mr. Bhutto will meet. The meeting in Tashkent on July 28-29, part of the SCO process which includes Russia, China, India, Pakistan and Central Asian countries is expected to set the agenda and finalise documents for the upcoming Heads of State Council meeting in Samarkand on September 15-16, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend, along with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Pakistani PM Shehbaz Sharif, as well as leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Iran, whose membership to the SCO is under process, is also likely to be represented at both events. According to sources, President Xi has been invited, but that his attendance may be contingent on COVID regulations and the upcoming Chinese Party Congress preparations.

Officials would not confirm reports that Dr. Jaishankar and Mr. Bhutto could hold a meeting on the sidelines of the SCO Ministerial, but did not rule out the possibility. The Indian and Pakistani Foreign Ministries had traded words over discussions between Beijing and Islamabad to extend the China Pakistan Economic Corridors (CPEC) to third countries like Afghanistan.

ED seizes inland vessel worth ₹30 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized an inland vessel worth ₹30 crore in connection with a money laundering probe, linked to an illegal mining and extortion racket in Jharkhand.

The vessel named *M.V. Infralink-III*, was found during a search conducted on Tuesday. It was being operated illegally from Sukargarh Ghat in Sahebganj, at the behest of Rajesh Yadav.The vessel was being used for transporting the illegally mined stone chips and stone boulders.

Global chess extravaganza all set to make the opening move

Rahman's live show will light up the inauguration of the sport's biggest team event

RAKESH RAO
CHENNAI

A 40-minute live performance by noted composer A.R. Rahman and his troupe appears to be the showpiece of the gala Opening Ceremony of the 44th Chess Olympiad at the Nehru Stadium here on Thursday evening.

The world's biggest team chess championship, featuring players from 187 countries, takes place at Hotel Four Points by Sheraton, Mamallapuram, from Friday.

Rahman, also the composer of the Chess Olympiad anthem, is likely to enthral the gathering that will include dignitaries from the chess world. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi making it to the Opening Ceremony, the Tamil Nadu Government is fully geared up for the occasion with all protocols firmly in place. The Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, along with some illustrious names from various fields, will be present at the ceremony that is expected to last around two hours.

The ceremony will include performances that highlight the rich cultural heritage of the State. Several artists from Tamil Nadu will perform during the ceremony.

Instead of an elaborate march-past, as seen in various multi-discipline events across the world, placards displaying the names/flags of 187 participating nations will be on view. Players would be free to walk behind the placards.

The Chess Olympiad Torch relay, after touching over 75 cities in the past 40 days, will reach the venue before the official opening of the Olympiad. The participants and officials, totalling over 2500, staying in various hotels in Mamallapuram, will be taken to the venue in designated buses.

With the World champion Magnus Carlsen set to miss the Opening Ceremony as well as Norway's first round after choosing to arrive here only on July 29, the USA contingent, featuring Fabiano Caruana, Levon Aronian and Wesley So, could be the main attraction. However, given the travelling time of roughly two hours to Nehru Stadium from Mamallapuram, many players may opt to skip the Opening Ceremony.

"The players and officials are expected to occupy their seats two hours prior to the arrival of the PM. Considering the driving time from Mamallapuram to Nehru Stadium and two hours of the Ceremony, the players have to spare at least eight hours.

"Even if they get back by 11 p.m., they will be playing in the first round at 3 p.m. the following day. Since many teams are arriving only hours before the Opening Ceremony, the players' reluctance to attend the event is understandable," observed an official.

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The Olympiad journey

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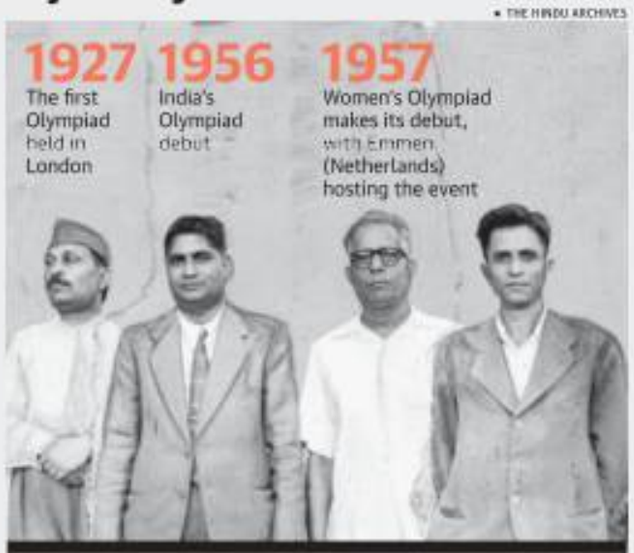

1927 The first Olympiad held in London

1956 India's Olympiad debut

1957 Women's Olympiad makes its debut, with Emmen (Netherlands) hosting the event

The Pioneers: The Indian players who had the honour of making the first move for the country at the Olympiad in 1956.

On the podium: A few members of the Indian squad that scripted history by clinching the bronze in the 2014 edition in Tromso, Norway. Padmini Rout, centre, won the gold on the reserve board in the women's event.

3 India's best performance at the Olympiad, in 2014 (open section)

6 India's finish at the last Olympiad (open section)

8 The Indian women's placing at Batumi

12 The number of successive times Soviet Union emerged champion (1952-74)

16 Countries that competed in the first Olympiad

27 The Indian team's placing in its maiden Olympiad among 34 participants

70 Players who part in the first Olympiad

180 Number of nations which lined up at Batumi

187 Countries that will vie for honours at the Chennai Olympiad

1667 Participants at the previous Olympiad in Batumi (Georgia)

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building aspirations

Giri tips United States to take the honours

The Dutch GM says the Indian teams also look good with formidable players

RAKESH RAO
MAMALLAPURAM

Anish Giri is one of the most familiar faces in the chess world.

Besides belonging to the chess elite, this Dutch Grandmaster is active on social media and streams regularly. He enjoys a huge following among Indian chess lovers by virtue of being a regular on Chessbase India's streams.

One of Anand's favourites among the 'younger' lot of players, Anish heads the seventh seed Netherlands' squad in the Open section of the Olympiad.

Asked to take a look at the contenders in the open section, Anish responded, "USA is, by far, the strongest because they have three absolute top-10 players (Fabiano Caruana, Levon Aronian and Wesley So). Then they have Leinier Dominguez, who is a tremendous top player as well with a huge set of accomplishments and reputation. He has actually been a medallist for Cuba on Board One, as well, and now plays on Board Four. In my opinion, they're huge, huge favourites. It's just an incredible team."

Making his point, Anish elaborated, "Basically, they have four Board Ones. Any of these players can be on Board One and would be a good Board No. 1 for any team. Like Leinier was a Board One for Cuba, Fabiano for Italy, Leon for Armenia and Wesley could have easily been on Board One for the Philippines where he's from. So it's really a remarkable team in that sense. It's just super strong.

Talking of India, Anish said, "I think the Indian teams look really good. They have extremely talented youngsters and formidable players like Vidit and Harikrishna. But I think, on paper at least, there is a gap between the USA and the rest. I believe other teams will be eager to fight for the medals. I think a bunch of coincidences have to happen for the USA to suddenly not be a favourite to win gold."

CWG ready to unfold in Birmingham

Shooting's absence and Neeraj's pull out will impact India's medal tally

THE NUMBERS GAME

As the curtains go up on Birmingham 2022, a look at the 'Friendly Games' through numbers

Field of Dreams: The Alexander Stadium that will stage the Opening and Closing Ceremonies as well as the athletics events. • BIRMINGHAM2022.COM

1 For the first time in a global multi-sport event, there are more medal events for women (136) than men (134)

2 Auckland (1950, 1990) and Edinburgh (1970, 1986) have had the honour of hosting the Games twice

3 Women's T20 cricket, 3x3 basketball, and 3x3 wheelchair basketball are the events that will make their debut at the 2022 Games

10 Minimum number of core sports that each Games has to include

21 Since the inaugural edition in 1930, the number of Games held. There were no Games in 1942 and 1946 because of World War II

72 Number of nations and territories that currently participate in the Games

283 The different medal events at Birmingham across a wide range of disciplines with Aquatics having the most events (66)

932 & 2416 The Gold and Total Medals Tally of Australia, the most successful nation at the Games. It has taken part in every edition since its inception

1998 The year team sports were included in the programme with nations competing in cricket, hockey, netball, and rugby 7s

2010 The year in which India hosted the Games at New Delhi

INDIAN ODYSSEY

A snapshot of India's performance at the Games since its initial participation in the second Games in 1934.

5 Shooter Samaresh Jung's gold medal haul at the 2006 Games in Melbourne, the most by an Indian competitor at a single edition

15 Jaspal Rana is the most successful Indian athlete at the Games with 15 medals. The prolific marksman won nine gold, four silver, and two bronze

17 Number of editions that India has been part of. It missed the 1930, 1950, 1962, and 1986 Games

39 The tally of Gold medals won by host India at the New Delhi Games in 2010. With a total of 101 medals, the country's most successful campaign so far

135 Podium finishes by shooters, the most successful sport for India over the years

181 Gold medals won by the Indians over the years. With 503 medals, India ranks fourth in the list of countries with the most medals

Samaresh Jung | Jaspal Rana

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BIRMINGHAM 2022 commonwealth games

SANTADEEP DEY
BIRMINGHAM

Back in 2019, a cloud of uncertainty loomed over India's participation in the Commonwealth Games (CWG). With shooting dropped from the programme, the who's who of the sport, in which the country has had the most success in the CWG, criticised the decision. Some even urged the Indian government to initiate a boycott.

A lot has happened since then. Even as COVID-19 shredded sporting calendars, Tokyo successfully hosted the Olympics in 2021.

Cut to the present. Even as the world tries to find its feet after a global vaccination programme, the World Health Organisation (WHO), for the second time in two years, has declared a viral outbreak – Monkeypox – to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

Full-blooded schedule

The United Kingdom is among the worst affected. That, however, hasn't stopped the Birmingham 2022 organisers from coming up with a full-blooded schedule, complete with a six-month-long celebration of creativity, art and culture. As many as 46 ambitious new artistic commissions and over 50 alignment projects have been planned for Commonwealth Games 2022.

Team India, too, has moved on from its irate stand over shooting's exclusion. From federations initially toying with the idea of sending second-string squads to the CWG, the strongest squad is being fielded because the Asian Games have been deferred by a year.

Shooting's absence and Olympic javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra dropping out of the CWG with an injury will have a bearing on India's medal tally. India will still be expected to win the bulk of its medals in weightlifting, badminton, wrestling and boxing.

Other goals

Although a podium finish would be on the mind of most of the athletes headed to the West Midlands, a small batch would have other goals.

An example would be India's triathlon team, which will be in action at Sutton Park on Friday. Gujarat's Pragnya Mohan, who finished first in February's selection trials and is a part of the team, is a rationalist. She says, "This is the first time India is sending a triathlon team to the Friendly Games. In the individual event, finishing in the top 10 would be the target, and in the relay, we are aiming for a top-five finish... If we achieve that, it calls for a celebration."

The organisers have spared no effort to make Birmingham 2022 one of a kind. There are more medal events for women than men for the first time ever at a major multi-sport event. What's more, this edition promises to be the first to leave a carbon-neutral legacy. Also, Twenty20 cricket, basketball 3x3, and mixed synchronised diving are among the sports included in the event for the first time.

Setback

India suffered a setback after a few athletes from the initial 215-member contingent failed dope tests. The remaining athletes will fight for medals in what is set to be the most extensive CWG calendar ever with 19 sports and eight para-sports.

The Games begin on Thursday. The closing ceremony is scheduled for Aug. 8.

Noah, Anas included in team

India will now send a 32-member athletics squad

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

Noah Nirmal Tom did not run the men's 4x400m relay at the recent World Championships and there was no official explanation for that but the quartermiler finds a place in the Indian athletics team for the Birmingham Commonwealth Games which begin on Thursday.

Miserable display

The men's relay quartet fared miserably at the Worlds, clocking 3:07.29s and finishing 12th out of 13 teams with anchor Rajesh Ramesh running a very slow 48.30s.

The Athletics Federation of India has now replaced Ramesh with national-record holder Muhammed Anas who was not in the original team. The new CWG team was announced on Wednesday evening.

"Ramesh has a minor injury and could not perform as expected at the Worlds," said Adille Sumariwalla, the AFI president.

"Two female athletes are dropped from the team after they failed a dope test. We have zero tolerance for doping." After sprint relay runner S. Dhanalakshmi failed a dope test, news came in the other day that another relay runner M.V. Jilna failed a dope test and has also been dropped from the women's 4x100m team.

Now, after injuries to Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and Asian shot put record-holder Tajinderpal Singh Toor and the dope failures, the AFI just has a 32-member team for Birmingham.

The teams:

Men: Avinash Sable (3000m steeple chase & 5000m), Nitender Singh Rawat (marathon), D.P. Manu, Rohit Yadav (javelin), M. Sreeshankar, Muhammed Anees (long jump), Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chithravel, Eldhose Paul (triple jump), Tejaswin Shankar (high jump), Sandeep Kumar, Amit (10km walk), 4x400m relay: Amoj Jacob, Noah Nirmal Tom, Muhammed Anas, Muhammed Ajmal, Naganthan Pandi.

Women: Dutee Chand (100m & 4x100m relay), Hima Das (200m & 4x100m relay), Jyothi Yarraji (100m hurdles), Manpreet Kaur (shot put), Navjeet Kaur Dhillon, Seema Punia (discus throw), Annu Rani, Shilpa Rani (javelin throw), Manjula Bala Devi, Sarita R. Singh (hammer throw), Ancy Sojan (long jump). Bhawna Jat, Priyanka Goswami (10km walk), Srabani Nanda, N.S. Simi (4x100m relay).

Sindhu and Manpreet India's flag-bearers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

P.V. Sindhu and Manpreet Singh were on Wednesday named India's flag-bearers for the Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony to be held here on Thursday.

While Sindhu's name was announced from a shortlist of three athletes, the IOA added Manpreet's name after being informed by the organisers that two flag-bearers – one male and one female – was a must for each nation.

Asia Cup moved to UAE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

The Asia Cup T20 tournament will be staged in the United Arab Emirates after it was moved from Sri Lanka due to political turmoil in the island nation, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) said on Wednesday.

The six-team Asia Cup will be played in the T20 format between August 27 and September 11. UAE, Kuwait, Singapore and Hong Kong will play in the qualifying round.

The winner will join Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh in the main draw.

Twinkletoes: Gill took the attack to the West Indies bowlers. • FILE PHOTO

Downpour stops play after India rains runs

Openers Dhawan, Gill add 113 as the Men in Blue reach 225 for three in 36 overs

INDIA IN WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PORT OF SPAIN

Skipper Shikhar Dhawan and his opening partner Shubman Gill hit fine half-centuries as India reached 225 for three in 36 overs before rain stopped play in the third ODI against the West Indies here on Wednesday.

The duo added 113 for the opening wicket, its second century partnership in the series, with Dhawan notching up his second half-century (58 off 74 balls) following his 97 in the opening game.

Dhawan's innings contained seven fours, while Gill was batting on a run-a-ball 98 with seven fours and two sixes. Shreyas Iyer contributed 44 off 34 balls with four fours and one six while Suryakumar Yadav was dismissed for eight. Sanju Samson (6) was the other not out batter.

For the West Indies, Hayden Walsh took two wickets.

Earlier, India skipper Dhawan elected to bat after winning the toss. The visitors made one change to the XI, bringing in Prasidh Krishna for Avesh Khan. West Indies made three changes with Jason Holder, Keemo Paul and Keacy Carty coming in for Alzarri Joseph, Rovman Powell and Romario Shepherd.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Shikhar Dhawan c Pooran b Walsh 58 *(74b, 7x4)*, Shubman Gill (batting) 98 *(98b, 7x4, 2x6)*, Shreyas Iyer c Paul b Hosein 44 *(34b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Brooks b Walsh 8 *(6b, 1x4)*, Sanju Samson (batting) 6 *(7b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-7, nb-3): 11; Total (for three wkts. in 36 overs): 225.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-113 (Dhawan, 22.5 overs), 2-199 (Shreyas, 32.2), 3-211 (Suryakumar, 33.5)

WEST INDIES BOWLING

Holder 6-0-43-0, Seales 7-0-50-0, Paul 6-0-23-0, Hosein 8-0-43-1, Walsh 8-0-57-2, Mayers 1-0-8-0.

Toss: India.

Rain stopped play.

Dutee upbeat about her chances

Feels she can fill in with original choice Dhanalakshmi out of the picture in 100m

Hard at work: Dutee says she is trying to accelerate better from the starting blocks. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

C'WEALTH GAMES

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM
HYDERABAD

Sprinter Dutee Chand says she is ready to compete in the women's 100m at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (from July 28) if given the chance after original choice Dhanalakshmi, who was picked for the 100m and the 4x100m relay, failed two out-of-competition dope tests.

The other members of the relay squad are Dutee, Hima Das, Srabani Nanda and now N.S. Simi.

Dutee, a double silver medallist in the 2018 Asian Games, will be competing in her maiden CWG. She has been training at the Lakshmibai National College for Physical Education (Thiruvananthapuram) under mentor-cum-coach N. Ramesh of Sports Authority of India before leaving for the Games on Wednesday.

"Since I have been picked in the relay squad, the focus has been more on baton exchange. At the same time, I have been trying to accelerate better from the starting blocks, even though block start has always been my strong point," the 26-year-old Dutee told *The Hindu*.

"I am not sure about taking part in the 100m but I am hoping to make it to the 100m event in the wake of the latest developments," she said.

"I am not new to relay, having won a bronze way back in the 2017 Junior Asian championship. I know the art of sprinting, having specialised in the 100m and 200m events over the years, and that should be of great help in the relay events too," Dutee said.

First target

"The first target in the CWG is to break the national record, which should also help our cause in chasing the medal," she added.

"Our relay squad is capable of definitely surprising the critics. We are confident of coming back with a medal," she said.

"Frankly, there is no pressure being my first CWG having represented my country in the Olympics, Asian Games and so many international events," said Dutee who missed the last CWG because of an injury.

National anti-doping bill passed in LS

The move will help in the establishment of the National Board of Anti Doping in sports

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday. • PTI

The Lok Sabha passed the National anti-doping bill on Wednesday, to provide a statutory framework in the form of legislation for prohibition of doping in sports in the country.

Already, the National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) has been performing anti-doping measures as per the World Anti-Doping Agency norms. It was felt that legislative powers would lend teeth to stop doping.

The passing of the bill, which was introduced by Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur in December last year, would help in the establishment of the National Board of Anti Doping in sports, with competent and independent personnel.

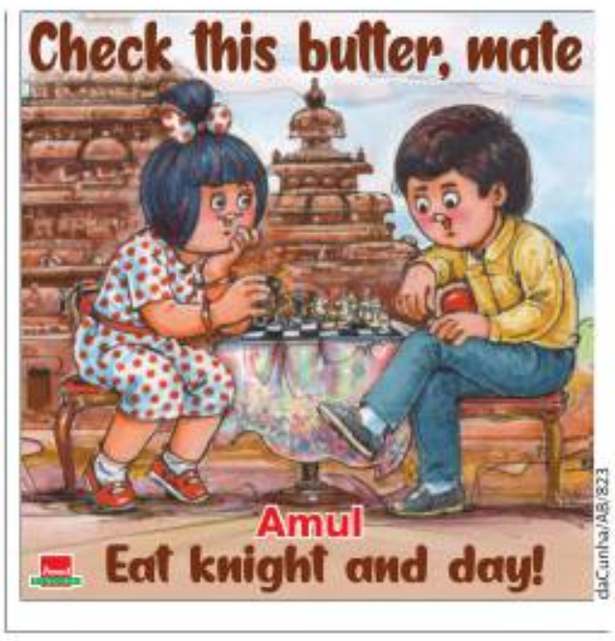
Among others, the bill attempts to achieve, time-bound justice to athletes, apart from enhancing cooperation among agencies in fighting doping.

It is also an attempt to reinforce India's commitment to fulfil international obligations for clean sports.

More than anything, the bill would help in establishing a robust, independent mechanism for anti-doping adjudication.

The bill also would lend legal sanctity to the functioning of NADA and National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

It is expected to lead to the establishment of more dope testing laboratories in the country. It is also felt that the legislation would help in academic research and manufacture of things related to anti-doping.



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BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Social Cricketers posts win
Social Cricketers defeated Friends Union CC (2) in the KSCA Twenty20 tournament here.
The scores: Social Cricketers 170/9 in 20 overs (Ajay Gouda 33, Aadarsh Prajwal 42, K.V. Aneesh 28, D. Avinash 25, P.D. Nitish 4/24, Rajendra Danganavar 4/31) bt Friends Union (2) 149/6 in 20 overs (Sidharrth Rao 53, R. Badrinaryanan 42, Shreesha Achar 3/28).
Bangalore Occasionals 140/6 in 20 overs (Rahu Singh 48 n.o. ,Rajvir Wadhwa 30, Aditya Goyal 3/26) lost to BUCC (1) 143/4 in 18 overs (Liyan Khan 58, Tushar Singh 26 n.o., Varun Rao 3/31).
Zodiac 47 in 16.4 overs (L.R. Kumar 4/2) lost to Sir Syed Cricketers 49 for no loss in 4 overs (B.A. Mohith 25 n.o.).
Swastic Union (2) 135/8 in 20 overs (Aaron Cyril 27, Aman Khan 26 n.o., V. Koushik 3/17) lost to Rajajinagar Cricketers 136/7 in 18 overs (K. Rohit 62 n.o., Dhuri 25).
Modern 123/8 in 20 overs (Prithvi Sadanand 57, K.S. Devaiah 3/21) lost to Swastic Union (1) 126/2 in 12.1 overs (Siddharth 75 n.o.).
Coles 124/9 in 20 overs (K. Arun 49 n.o., Utham Aiyappa 3/15) lost to Friends Union (1) 129/4 in 13.5 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 36, Stalin Hoover 60 n.o.).
Chintamani SA 107/9 in 20 overs (Tanish Mahesh 3/24) lost to Vultures 109/2 in 9.3 overs (Karun Nair 42, Abhimanyu Mithun 45 n.o.).
Jawahar (1) 142/6 in 20 overs (S. Chaitanya 51, M. Manoj 40, Shubhang Hegde 3/36) lost to Cambridge 147/2 in 15.4 overs (L.R. Chethana 80).

Kshitij, Disha advance
Favourite Aradhya Kshitij whipped Rurik Rajini 6-1, 6-3 in the boys' quarterfinal of the Nichsolv AITA Super Series under-16 tennis tournament at the KSLTA here on Wednesday. In the girls' quarterfinal, qualifier Disha Santosh upset second seed Lukshitha Gopinath 7-5, 6-1.

Parvez in lead
Parvez Ahmed (total pinfall 2362) took the lead in the men's category at the end of Round 1 of the 7th K. Damodar & Co. Karnataka State Tenpin Bowling championship at Amoeba here.
In the women's category, at the end of first block of six games, defending champion J. Preemal took the lead scoring 964 pins at an average of 160.67.

LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan: 2nd Test, day 5, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
Chess Olympiad 2022: (Opening Ceremony), Doordarshan, FIDE & Chessbase India YouTube channels, 7 p.m. onwards
CWG 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3 & Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 11 p.m. onwards
England vs South Africa: 2nd T20I, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 11 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Kyrgios pulls out of Atlanta tournament
PARIS
Wimbledon finalist Nick Kyrgios has pulled out of the singles draw at the ATP event in Atlanta due to a knee injury. The Australian was scheduled to face German Peter Gojowczyk on Tuesday, but withdrew from the tournament following an earlier doubles win alongside compatriot Thanasi Kokkinakis. AFP

Martinez moves to United from Ajax
LONDON
Manchester United on Wednesday completed the signing of Argentina defender Lisandro Martinez from Ajax for a fee that could reach nearly £57 million. The 24-year-old has signed a contract until 2027 at Old Trafford, with the option of a further 12 months. AFP

Fahed stays ahead

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS BUREAU

V.P. Fahed Mohammed (co-driver Rajeev Lal) from Kerala maintained the lead on the third day of the Rainforest Challenge (RFC) India 2022 in Panaji on Wednesday.

The duo collected 280 points in the four special stages on the third day to take its total tally to 942 to stay ahead of the pack.

Satish Kumar (co-driver Chethan Chengappa) from Karnataka was in the second position with 920 points. Last year's winner Kabir Waraich and Dushyant Kholsa (Chandigarh) was third with 912 points.

No problems with access: boxing women's head coach Bhatt

Y. B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

The Indian boxing contingent was in the limelight for unwanted reasons after two support staff – women's head coach Bhaskar Bhatt and team doctor Dr. Karanjeet Singh – were replaced with Lovlina Borgohain's coach Sandhya Gurung and another physio owing to stipulated number of accreditation to the Games Village.

The boxing contingent, comprising 12 boxers, was initially allocated four officials as per the prescribed 33 percent support staff.

Later, the number was increased to eight. As per the new accreditation card received by Bhatt and Dr. Singh, they can access the Games Village throughout the day and be at the training before returning to the team hotel at night.

Boxers' needs
Bhatt said the new arrangement was done keeping in view the boxers' needs.

"There is no problem with our access. Only we have to stay at a hotel, which is very close to the Village. Even the doctor can be there with us during the training," Bhatt told *The Hindu* from Birmingham.

"A physio is needed for the boxers most of the time, so we made the arrangement for the stay of the men's team physio in the Village."

Bhatt said there would be no issues with access even during the bouts.

"There are no issues at all. Even the doctor can take care of the boxers at the competition venue.

"A doctor, appointed by the organisers, always stays at the ringside to take care of boxers in case of any injuries to them during the bout."

Meanwhile, a source said four Indian boxers, Amit Panghal, Ashish Kumar, Nitu Ghanghas and Lovlina, gave their samples for dope testing on Wednesday.

Dhananjaya's ton sets Pakistan huge target

PAKISTAN IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Dhananjaya. • AFP

Dhananjaya de Silva struck a century as Sri Lanka handed Pakistan a mammoth victory target of 508 before bad weather hit the hosts' chances of wickets in the second Test on Wednesday.

Pakistan was 89 for one when bad light stopped play early and stumps were called on day four with left-handed opener Imam-ul-Haq on 46 and skipper Babar Azam on 26.

The arrival of rain ended any chances of play, adding to Pakistan's hopes of a draw to clinch the two-match series,

But the tourists will need to make an unprecedented chase –with another 419 runs needed to win.

Sri Lanka, which declared its second innings on 360 for eight need nine wickets on the final day to end the series level.

Spinner Prabath Jayasuriya sent back Abdullah Shafique for 16 with debutant Dunith Wellalage taking a good running catch at mid-off before tea.

Imam and Azam played with positive intent and took their chances against the spinners to get quick runs.

The pair hit six boundaries between them.

Earlier, Dhananjaya made 109 before being run out at the non-striker's end and Sri Lanka skipper Dimuth Karunaratne called his batsmen back to the pavilion.

Dhananjaya put on a key stand of 126 with overnight partner Karunaratne, a left-handed batsman who battled back pain during his knock of 61.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka –1st innings: 378.
Pakistan –1st innings: 231.
Sri Lanka– 2nd innings: Niroshan Dickwella c Rizwan b Naseem 15, Oshada Fernando lbw b Yasir 19, Kusal Mendis lbw b Nawaz 15, Angelo Mathews c Azam b Salman 35, Dinesh Chandimal c Rizwan b Naseem 21, Dimuth Karunaratne c Shafique b Nauman 61, Dhananjaya de Silva run out 109, Dunith Wellalage c Rizwan b Nawaz 18, Ramesh Mendis (not out) 45; Extras: (b-9, lb-7, w-1, nb-5): 22; Total (for eight wkts. decl. in 91.5 overs): 360.
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-47, 3-59, 4-100, 5-117, 6-243, 7-278, 8-360.
Pakistan bowling: Hasan 10-0-44-0, Naseem 12.5-1-44-2, Yasir 21-2-80-1, Nawaz 21-4-75-2, Nauman 14-0-54-1, Agha 12-2-41-1, Azam 1-0-6-0.
Pakistan– 2nd innings: Abdullah Shafique c Wellalage b Jayasuriya 16, Imam-ul-Haq (batting) 46, Babar Azam (batting) 26; Extras: (nb-1): 1; Total (for one wkt. in 28 overs): 89.
Fall of wicket: 1-42.
Sri Lanka bowling: Fernando 3-1-6-0, Jayasuriya 13-1-46-1, R. Mendis 9-0-31-0, de Silva 2-0-4-0, Wellalage 1-0-2-0.

Ramkumar bows out

SPORTS BUREAU

Qualifier Ramkumar Ramanathan was beaten 6-2, 7-5 by Ben Shelton in the first round of the $792,980 ATP tennis tournament in Atlanta.

Other results: $134,920 Challenger, Zug, Switzerland: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Maxximilian Marterer & Mats Moraing (Ger) bt Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 6-2, 6-2.
€67,960 Challenger, El Espinar, Spain: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Piotr Matuszewski (Pol) & Arjun Kadhe bt Adam Taylor & Jason Taylor (Aus) 6-3, 7-6(6).
$25,000 ITF women, Nottingham: Pre-quarterfinals: Ankita Raina bt Gao Xinyu (Chn) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; **Doubles (pre-quarterfinals):** Angelica Blake & Alicia Dudeney (GBr) bt Alexandra Osborne (Aus) & Ankita Raina 1-6, 6-4, [10-5]; Nagi Hanatani (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale bt Gao Xinyu & Xun Fang Ying (Chn) 6-3, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Kottingbrunn, Austria: First round: Zeel Desai bt Nino Natsvlishvili (Geo) 6-1, 6-1.
$15,000 ITF women, Monastir: First round: Samira De Stefano (Ita) bt Vineetha Mummadi 6-2, 6-1; Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Beatris Spasova (Bul) & Marianna Zakarlyuk (Ukr) w.o. Bhuvana Kalva & Jennifer Luikham; Zuzanna Kubacha & Agnieszka Olszewska (Pol) bt Chahd Berriri (Tun) & Vineetha Mummadi 6-3, 6-3.
$25,000 ITF men, Tbilisi, Georgia: Pre-quarterfinals: Prajnesh Gunneswaran bt Daniel Ibragimov 6-2, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF men, Kuala Lumpur: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam & Vishnu Vardhan bt Krittin Koaykul & Thantub Suksumran (Tha) 4-6, 6-4, [10-5].
$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: First round: Niki Poonacha bt Cyril Vandermeersch (Fra) 6-7(4), 6-2, 6-2.

Felix joins IOC athletes' commission

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American sprint great Allyson Felix and a refugee cyclist originally from Afghanistan joined the International Olympic Committee's athletes' commission.

Also appointed was cyclist Masomah Ali Zada, who was born in Afghanistan and competed in the women's cycling time trial on the IOC's refugee Olympic team last year in Tokyo.

The other two new members are two-time Olympic triathlon champion Alistair Brownlee of Britain and Canadian athlete Oluseyi Smith, who has competed at both the Summer Olympics in track and the Winter Olympics in bob sled.

AAP leader is 20th MP to be suspended from RS

House witnesses disruptions for eighth day; Venkaiah says adjournment motions on GST to be heard in normal course

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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As the Rajya Sabha witnessed disruptions and repeated adjournments for the eighth consecutive day, one more MP was suspended for a week on Wednesday. As the House passed a motion to suspend senior Aam Aadmi Party member Sanjay Singh, he became the 20th Opposition MP to be face similar action. "Singh brought disrespect to the Chair through his behaviour," Deputy Chairman Harivansh said.

The members suspended from the Rajya Sabha and the four suspended for the rest of the session in the Lok Sabha started a 50-hour protest at the Gandhi statue in Parliament.

Earlier in the day, Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu told the House that the adjournment motions moved by MPs such as Tiruchi Siva, Binoy Viswam and K.C. Venugopal on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) can be taken up in the normal course. "I have already admitted some of them under other motions so I am not admitting them," he said. The Opposition protested, and Mr. Naidu adjourned the House till noon.

Setting up camp: Sanjay Singh and other suspended MPs at a sit-in protest at the Parliament House on Wednesday. • PTI

At noon, Mr. Harivansh invoked Rule 256 and named AAP member Mr. Singh. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V. Muraleedharan moved a motion to suspend Mr. Singh from the House for the remainder of the week and it was adopted by voice vote. Mr. Harivansh urged Mr. Singh to leave the House but the ruckus continued and he adjourned the House for 15 minutes.

When the House met again, Mr. Singh remained in the Well of the House. Mr. Harivansh asked him again to move out and adjourned the House till 2 p.m.

When the House resumed at 2 p.m., MPs continued to raise slogans. Some raised the high death toll due to the hooch tragedy in Gujarat. Bhubaneswar Kalita, the Chair of the House, appealed to the MPs to allow the House to conduct business, and repeatedly asked the AAP MP to leave the House since he had been suspended and requested other protesting MPs in the Well of the House to go back to raise their issues. As the Opposition MPs refused to relent, the House was adjourned for the day within three minutes.

On Tuesday, the House had suspended 19 Opposition MPs – seven from the Trinamool Congress, six from the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), three from the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), two from the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), and one from the Communist Party of India (CPI).

Mr. Singh said he was trying to raise the Gujarat hooch tragedy, and was "repeatedly requesting the Chair and the government" for an answer. "I had raised the issue yesterday also. Today, I gave notice under Rule 267 and was repeatedly requesting the Chair and the government for an answer," Mr. Singh said.

While Opposition leader Mallikarjun Kharge urged the Chairman to reconsider the suspensions, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said it could be revoked if the members apologised and promised that they would not show placards in the House. "We have been maintaining that the government is ready for discussion on price rise," Mr. Joshi said.

The CPI(M) termed the suspensions an assault on the basic rights of freedom of expression of MPs.

Upper House may take up price rise next week

Govt., Opposition hold discussions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha is likely to discuss the price-rise issue next week after a broad consensus between the government and Opposition members was established in a meeting chaired by Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday, said a source who was aware of the deliberations at the meeting.

The 10 Opposition members who were present in the meeting were Mallikarjun Kharge and K.C. Venugopal of the Congress, Ram Gopal Yadav of the Samajwadi Party, Derek O' Brien of the Trinamool Congress, Tiruchi Siva of the DMK, Sanjay Raut of the Shiv Sena, Elamaram Kareem of the CPI(M), Binoy Viswam (CPI), Suresh Reddy (TRS) and Vaiko of the MDMK. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi, Mr. Goyal and Minister of State (Parliamentary Affairs) V Muraleedharan also joined the meeting.

The Opposition members stated that the number of suspended members was high, and suggested that the suspension may be revoked so as to have good attendance in the House.

Video recorded

Mr. Naidu also called to his Chamber a member of the House who was reported to have shot videos of the proceedings and uploaded the same on social media. The Member was told about the infringement of the rules of the House in doing so and was asked not to repeat the same.

Saugata Roy seeks relook at Agnipath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Trinamool Congress MP Saugata Roy on Wednesday asked the Centre to review the new armed forces recruitment scheme, Agnipath, stating that young people are in the dark over what would happen to their careers after the four-year tenure in the armed forces is over. He was raising the issue under Rule 377 in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

"Soldiers would be recruited for four years only under the Agnipath scheme, with no retirement benefits like pensions. After four years, only 25% of recruits would be absorbed as regulars for a period of 15 years, while 75% will be relieved. The youth feel that the government's policy of recruitment to the armed forces is playing with their career. Youth are questioning as to what will happen to their careers after four years as there is so much unemployment in India," he said.

More recoveries from Bengal Minister's aide

ED retrieves cash, gold worth ₹20 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

More cash and gold were recovered by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday evening from one of the properties of Arpita Mukherjee, an aide of arrested West Bengal Industries and Commerce Minister Partha Chatterjee.

Cash was recovered from one of the apartments of Ms. Mukherjee at Belghoria on the northern fringes of the city. Along with cash, jewellery worth crores have also been seized.

Sources said that the value of cash seized has already surpassed ₹20 crore and the searches may continue well into the night.

On June 22, cash and jewellery worth ₹21 crore was recovered from an apartment of Arpita Mukherjee in south Kolkata.

Partha Chatterjee and Arpita Mukherjee were arrested by ED on June 23. The Minister and his associate are under ED custody in connection with the School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam

Earlier in the day, Mr. Chatterjee, who is in ED custody, asked why he should resign. "For what reason (should I resign)," he told journalists. outside a hospital in Joka where he was taken for medical check-up.

Speaking at an event in Hooghly, district West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that central agencies are being used to destabilise Opposition ruled states and malign the image of Opposition parties.

Revoke suspension of MPs, says Opposition

Parliamentary Affairs Minister demands assurance that they won't come into Well or carry placards

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a show of solidarity with the four suspended Congress members, Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday demanded the revocation of their suspension but the government insisted that it would request Speaker Om Birla to withdraw it only on an assurance that members would not enter the Well or display placards in the House.

The demand was made by the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), the Trinamool Congress and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK).

The Congress members were not present in the House as they walked out soon after the House assembled at 11 a.m.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi, responding to the Opposition's demands, said the suspension could be reconsidered but asked, "Are you ready to take guarantee that they will not come inside with placards and will not come into the well?"

On Monday, four Congress members – Manickam Tagore, T.N. Prathapan, Ramya Haridas and Jothimani – were suspended.

"We want a debate, we want to cooperate with the government. Allow our members to come back and we will not go into the well of the House. I am saying it on behalf of the Opposition that we want to run the House," Supriya Sule of the NCP said.

BJP member Rama Devi, who was in the Chair, allowed other leaders to speak as well.

DMK's A. Raja said, "With folded hands, I say don't value numerical strength in this House. Healthy debate will not stand before numerical strength. Please reconsider, withdraw the decision and thereafter we are willing to participate in the debates."

Echoing these sentiments, Trinamool's Sudip Bandopadhyay said, "Let this issue be sorted out and let the debate [on price rise] start."

But the Opposition leaders made it clear that they could give guarantee for such an episode (not carrying placards into the well) only for their own party members.

"We are ready for debate, why is it a problem for the Opposition to take guarantee," the Parliamentary Affairs Minister said.

He recalled that as a young MP, he had once come into the Well and to the table of then Leader of the House Pranab Mukherjee, but had been pulled up by then Leader of the Opposition L.K. Advani.

The thaw between the Opposition and Treasury benches came about after the Opposition leaders held an informal meeting at the Speaker's chamber earlier in the day.

Trinamool MP raises issues of hate crimes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur and Trinamool Congress MP Pratima Mondal faced off in the Lok Sabha, after the latter raised the issue of rising hate crimes in the country. "Incidents of hate crime are rising in the country and the ruling party at the Centre has an active role to play in it to divert attention from inflation and developmental challenges,," Ms. Mondal said. Mr. Thakur objected saying that law and order was a State subject and that BJP workers were also being killed in West Bengal under the Trinamool government.

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BIRRD Trust Hospital, TTD, Tirupati is inviting e-tenders from the eligible Manufacturers /Firms/Authorized Distributors for the work "Rate Contract for Supply of Orthopedic Trauma Implants on consignment Case to Case Basis at BIRRD Hospital for a period of two years. NIT Roc.No.TTD-104021(31)/55/2022-BIRRD & Tender ID: 529875 in AP eProc. Portal. Date of upload Tender on 20-07-2022 and closing date 02-08-2022. For details log on to web site https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in /& http://www.tirumala.org/ Contact No.8639885454.

Roc.No.P84/13944/Adv.No.156/PRO/2022, Dated:27-07-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ARCDA/1030/2021-T3
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
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Tender Id : 2022_ARCHY_496933_1
Name of Work : Conservation Works of Heritage Building at Postmaster General Office Complex, Kerala Circle, Thiruvananthapuram, Phase 2
P.A.C. : Rs. 71,04,570/-
Tender Closing date : 25/08/2022
For further details please visit: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
RO/01888/D3/2022/I&PRD
Sd/- Director

OFFICE OF MEMBER SECRETARY, RAJASTHAN MEDICARE RELIEF SOCIETY MAHARANA BHUPAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL, UDAIPUR
No./RMRS/2022-23/362 Dated: 18/7/22
NIB NO. GHU2223A0022
Tender no. 07/18-07-2022
Following Bids at Member Secretary, RMRS, Maharana Bhupal Govt. Hospital, Udaipur are invited from interested bidder.

दर संविदा के माध्यम से एल्यूमिनियम संबंधी कार्य।	UBN NO. GHU2223A0022
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KSRTC, one of the largest fleet owners of the country, intends to invite Expression of Interest for the implementation of Online Fleet Management System, Inventory Management System and Maintenance Management System. The documents may downloaded from the e-tender portal: **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
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Chairman & Managing Director
27.07.2022

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Southern Railway, Divisional Office, Salem -636005 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the under mentioned works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in. The Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for Mechanical Branch in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tender will be accepted. **The cost of tender form and EMD need to be done through online payment only. Tenders received without valid EMD shall be rejected. Any other mode of submission of cost of tender form and EMD will not be accepted.** All documents to support fulfillment of technical eligibility criteria and financial eligibility criteria and any other document required to be submitted should be scanned and uploaded along with the tender. It is the responsibility of Tenderer(s) /Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature certificates for participating e-tendering.
1. Tender Notice Number and date: SA-M-06-2022 dated 22.07.2022
2. Name of work: Setting up of Quick Watering arrangement at Salem Station
3. Estimate Value : Rs. 2,03,26,043.42/-
4.Earnest Money: Rs. 2,51,600/-
5. Tender Closing date and Time: 16.08.2022 at 15.00 Hrs
6. Tender opening date and Time: 16.08.2022 at 15.30 Hrs
Web address: http://www.ireps.gov.in
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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Bengaluru – 560 001. website : www.kiadb.in
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-14/7331/2022-23 Date: 26.07.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)
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The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **24.08.2022 upto 04:00 pm.**
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Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/1532/Zenkar/2022-23

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(H.P. Government Undertaking)
(Registered Office: New Himrus Building, Circular Road)
SHIMLA-171 001
(Phone No: 0177-2624438, 2624824 Fax: 0177-2624925)
No. PUR-136/Track and Trace/2022-736 Dated: 27 - 07 -2022
INVITING OF SEALED TENDERS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF END TO END SOLUTION OF QR CODE BASED TRACK AND TRACE SOLUTIONS INCLUDING REQUIRED HARDWARE SETUP, INSTALLATION, INTEGRATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ON (Build-Own-Operate-Transfer- BOOT BASIS) INITIALLY FOR 5 YEARS (FURTHER EXTENDABLE) FOR TWO BOTTLING UNITS OF HPGIC AT CLBP MEHATPUR , DISTRICT UNA HP AND CLBP PARWANOO DISTRICT SOLAN HP.
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Companies/Firms for Implementation of end to end solution of QR Code based track and trace solutions including required hardware setup, installation, integration, testing, commissioning, operation and maintenance on Build-Own-Operate-Transfer - (BOOT Basis) initially for 5 years which may be further extendable as per the requirements in respect of Bottling units of HPGIC at CLBP Mehatpur , District Una (4 Lines) and CLBP Parwanoo District Solan (2 Lines) Himachal Pradesh so as to reach this office on or before **20-08-2022 upto 02:00PM** along with the earnest money of Rs. 1.00 Lac in the shape of demand draft in favour of the Managing Director, HP General Industries Corporation Ltd., Shimla or through NEFT / RTGS in HPGIC SBI A/c No 55012850082 IFSC SBIN0050118. The details of eligibility criteria, Standard Operating Procedures, Scope of Work of Bidder and Corporation, Terms & Conditions, Hardware required and specifications can be collected from this office on any working day or can be viewed/downloaded on our website at www.hpgic.co.in. The pre bid meeting in this regard will be held on **10-08-2022 at 11:00 AM** in the office of HPGIC, Himrus building near Hotel Himland Shimla-1. The tenders will be opened on the same day in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives in the office of the Managing Director HPGIC, Himrus Building, Shimla 171001. If required, negotiations will be held with L-1 party at the sole discretion of the Corporation. Any addendum/corrigendum in this regard shall be displayed on the official website i.e. www.hpgic.co.in of the Corporation. The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.
Rakesh Kumar Prajapati ,IAS
Managing Director
HP / 0331/2022-2023

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER
(i) Tender Notice No. 12-CECNMS-2022-E-285925 dated 22-07-2022
(ii) Tender Notice No. DyCE-CNTBM-01-2022 DATED 24.07.2022
(iii) Tender Notice No. DyCE-CNTBM-02-2022 DATED 24.07.2022
(iv) Tender Notice No. DyCE-CNTBM-03-2022 DATED 24.07.2022
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai 600 008 and The Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram, Chennai 600 045 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderers /Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl.No.	Name of the Work
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ii	Proposed third line between Tambaram and Chengalpattu: Proposed transportation of P.way materials, earth work for formation, dumping of ballast, linking works for remodelling of Tambaram yard in connection with Stage-II and allied works
iii	Proposed third line between Tambaram and Chengalpattu - Proposed construction of S&T Huts and Demolition of existing RRI Cabin(G+2 floors) and SSE/OFC/TBM Office and store between road No.7&8 and trucking out of debris away from track area at Tambaram Yard
iv	Proposed third line between Tambram and Chengalpattu : Collection and supply of 50mm machine crushed stone ballast at specified Depot/Yard for Tambaram Stage - II works.

Sl. No.	Approximate Cash Value In Rupees	Bid Security/ EMD (Rupees)	Period of Completion In Month(s)	Closing Date	E-tender inviting authority
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ii	37496317.24	337500.00	NINE	@ 13.00 hrs 16.08.2022	Deputy Chief Engineer Construction), Tambaram
iii	6180104.77	123600.00	FOUR	@ 13.00 hrs 16.08.2022	
iv	17902400.00	239500.00	SIX	@ 13.00 hrs 16.08.2022	

For further details, please refer to web site portal www.ireps.gov.in or contact Office of Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Construction, E.V.R. High Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 / The Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram, Chennai 600 045.
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राजस्थान सरकार
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग–वृत सीकर
(डाक बंगला कैम्पस सीकर 332001; email : piu_sikar1@rediffmail.com, seskr.pwd@rajasthan.gov.in)
क्रमांक:- एस.ई/सीकर/2022/डी:-933 दिनांक:-11.07.2022
ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या : 09/2022–2023
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3	II-SIKAR	RJ-29-11/DLB/BA/KHATU/2022-23	389.00	08 Month	Dn.-I SIKAR	Circle Sikar
4	II-SIKAR	RJ-29-12/DLB/BA/LOSAL/2022-23	389.00	08 Month	Dn.-I SIKAR	Circle Sikar

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IN BRIEF

BJP in touch with 38 Trinamool MLAs: Mithun

KOLKATA

BJP leader and actor Mithun Chakraborty on Wednesday said that 38 MLAs of the Trinamool Congress are in touch with the BJP and 21 are in direct touch with him. The remarks come at a time when the Trinamool is facing the heat over the West Bengal School Service Commission recruitment scam.

Gujarat hooch tragedy toll goes up to 42

AHMEDABAD

The toll in the Gujarat hooch tragedy climbed to 42, even as 97 people are still under treatment in various hospitals in Bhavnagar and Ahmedabad. Sources claimed that the State authorities were reporting a lower number. Minister Harsh Sanghavi said the trial in the case would be held in a fast-track court. Of the 38 people named in the FIR, 15 have been arrested so far.

PIL plea against name change of Aurangabad

MUMBAI

A PIL plea was filed on Wednesday in the Bombay High Court challenging the Maharashtra government's decision to change the name of Aurangabad to Sambhajinagar. It alleges that "the purpose behind changing the name of Aurangabad is to spread hatred among the community towards Muslims so as to gain political advantage." The PIL petition is expected to be heard next week.

Call to withdraw coal import order to States

GUWAHATI

The All India Power Engineers' Federation (AIPEF) has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make the Ministry of Power withdraw its "coercive directives" to the States and its power generation companies for importing coal they do not need. AIPEF chairperson Shailendra Dubey pointed out that companies should not be forced to import coal when there is no shortage in the country.

Thousands of villages set to get 4G coverage

24,680 uncovered areas to get high-speed Internet

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The total cost of the project is ₹26,316 crore. • FILE PHOTO

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved a project for providing 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country at a total cost of ₹26,316 crore.

Under the project, 4G mobile services, which provide high-speed data, will be provided in 24,680 uncovered villages in remote and difficult areas.

Additionally, 6,279 villages that currently have only 2G/3G connectivity will also be upgraded to receive 4G connectivity.

The project has a provision to include 20% additional villages on account of rehabilitation, new-settlements, withdrawal of services by existing operators etc, an official statement said here.

The project will be executed by the public sector Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) using a Atmanirbhar Bharat (Made in India) 4G technology stack and will be funded through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

The project cost of ₹26,316 crore includes capital expenditure (capex) and also five-year operating expense (opex), the government said.

"The project is a significant step towards the vision of the government to provide mobile connectivity in rural areas. This project will promote delivery of various e-governance services, banking services, tele-medicine, tele-education etc. through mobile broadband and generate employment in rural areas," the government added.

Centre to amend Warehousing Act

However, the SKM fears it will help corporate houses gain more control

A.M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

The Union Food and Public Distribution Ministry has suggested major amendments to the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act of 2007.

While the Ministry says that the aim is to help farmers get access to the services of quality warehouses, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) fears that the amendments are for bringing back certain provisions of the repealed Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act through the backdoors.

An official in the Ministry said the amendment is to make registration of godowns compulsory, to raise the penalty for various offences and to do away the jail term as a punishment for the offences.

New rules: The Ministry said the amendment is to make registration of godowns compulsory. • FILE PHOTO

At present, registration with the Warehousing Development and Regulation Authority (WDRA) is optional. After the proposed amendment, which is yet to be cleared by the Cabinet, registration of all third party warehouses throughout the country, will be undertaken in a phased manner.

"Central government will have powers to exempt any class of warehouses from registration with the Authority. This will ensure a gradual and non-disruptive change to a regulated warehousing system," the official said on Wednesday.

The WDRA was established in 2010 to ensure scientific storage by prescribing infrastructural and procedural standards. Captive warehouses such as the FCI are excluded from the ambit of the Act.

The Act wants to establish a system of negotiable and non-negotiable warehouse receipt (NWR), which is now in electronic form.

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha said the repealed Act had also talked about similar provisions such as electronic trading in transaction platform and freedom for trading at farmgate, cold storage, warehouse and processing units.

"This time, too, the purpose should be to help some big corporate houses so that they gain even more control over the warehousing and cold storage sector. The direction of every policy of this government is towards that," said SKM leader Ashok Dhawale.

ICMR invites bids to develop vaccine for monkeypox virus

It has isolated virus strain for the first time in the country

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Isolation of strain is the first step towards expediting the development of vaccine.

The monkeypox virus has been isolated by National Institute of Virology, Pune for the first time in India.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has invited an Expression of Interest (EoI), proposing to hand over the virus strain to interested Indian vaccine and in vitro diagnostics (IVD) industry partners for development of indigenous vaccine and diagnostic kits for monkeypox, said a senior Health Ministry official on Wednesday.

First step

Isolation of virus strains is the first step towards expediting the development of drugs, vaccines and rapid diagnostic kits.

"ICMR-NIV Pune has successfully isolated and cultured the monkeypox virus strain from the samples of infected Indian patients. Genomic sequence of the Indian strains has 99.85% match with the West African strain circulating globally," the official said.

There are two known types (clades) of monkeypox virus – one that originated in Central Africa and one that originated in West Africa. The current world outbreak (2022) is caused by the less severe West African clade.

The ICMR's EoI document states that it reserves all the Intellectual Property Rights and commercialisation rights on the Monkeypox virus isolates and its method/protocols for purification, propagation and characterization.

It further stated that ICMR is willing to collaborate with experienced vaccine manufacturer as well as the in-vitro diagnostics (IVD) manufacturers on royalty basis on fixed term contract condition for undertaking R&D and manufacturing activities for joint development and validation of five potential vaccine candidate against Monkeypox disease, development of diagnostic kit (IVD), for detection of the monkeypox virus leading to product development.

'Replacement level fertility achieved'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India has achieved replacement level fertility, with as many as 31 States and Union Territories reaching a Total Fertility Rate (an average number of children per woman) of 2.1 or less, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the National Family Planning Summit 2022, the Union Minister said that between 2012 and 2020, India added more than 1.5 crore additional users for modern contraceptives, thereby increasing their use substantially.

She said that government data showed an overall positive shift towards spacing methods, which would be instrumental in positively impacting maternal and infant mortality and morbidity. She introduced the National Family Planning helpline manual.

Withdraw GST on milk products, say dairy farmers

They held protest in New Delhi flagging issues in the sector

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Dairy farmers during the protest in New Delhi seeking revocation of GST on milk products. • TWITTER/@KISANSABHA

Dairy farmers from States such as Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala held protests here on Wednesday, urging the Centre to revoke the decision to impose a 5% GST on dairy products and 18% on dairy machinery.

The farmers, under the banner of the Dairy Farmers Federation of India (DFFI), sent a memorandum to the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Parshottam Rupala, asking him to help the households engaged in dairy production in the country.

The GST, the absence of a fair and remunerative price (FRP) and rising costs of green fodder, is going to adversely impact small dairy farmers, who constitute 75% of nine crore households engaged in dairy production in India, the DFFI said in a statement. Dairy farmers held similar demonstrations at local milk booths, cooperatives, and district collectorates in the States, rejecting the new GST, the DFFI claimed.

The DFFI said in their memorandum that the sector is characterised by the concentration of small producers, with 75% of the rural households owning two to four cows.

The farmers said increasing inflation and fodder prices have pushed them to shift to other occupations. The recommendations of the GST Council will affect both the farmers and consumers, they pointed out.

"These recommendations will hit the cooperatives and small dairy farmers, and pave way for the monopoly control of the diary sector in India by the large corporate houses," they added.

Concern over health condition of Yasin Malik

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The Hurriyat, headed by Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, and historian Rajmohan Gandhi have expressed concern over the treatment meted out to JKLF chief Yasin Malik, who was shifted to a Delhi hospital as his hunger strike at the Tihar Jail entered the sixth day on Wednesday.

A Hurriyat spokesman said the separatist amalgam was "seriously concerned over the media reports regarding the deteriorating health and safety of Malik".

The spokesman said political prisoners of J&K were being subjected to revenge for their political beliefs.

Mr. Gandhi, in a blog, said, "Questions are inescapable. Is it sound to reopen cases that were closed for 25 years or more by successive governments that negotiated with Malik, including governments led by the BJP's Vajpayee and by Modi in his first term?"

BJP demands CBI probe into illegal mining in Bharatpur

'Rajasthan Ministers and officials involved'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Questions raised: The BJP's fact-finding committee hands over its report to party chief J.P. Nadda in New Delhi. • PTI

The BJP on Wednesday alleged that Ministers in the Congress-led Rajasthan government and State officials were involved in suspected illegal mining in Bharatpur.

They demanded that a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe be conducted into the issue, especially after the self-immolation in protest against the mining by one of monks holding sustained protests against it, Baba Vijay Das, leading to his death last week.

A BJP delegation, which included the party's general secretary Arun Singh; MP and former Mumbai Commissioner Satya Pal Singh; and MP and former Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police Brij Lal, presented its inquiry report to party president J.P. Nadda after visiting the site of alleged illegal mining.

Group report

The death of Baba Vijay Das on July 23 at a hospital in the national capital led the BJP to form the committee to look into the matter.

Mr. Arun Singh held a press conference after he submitted the group's report to Mr. Nadda and said that there was a lot of anger among people against the Congress government headed by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and that Das's "sacrifice should not go in vain".

As the site of the "illegal" mining includes some sacred places for Hindus, *sadhus* and seers had been protesting against it for over 551 days but were often mocked by the Ministers, he said.

"The protesters have sought a CBI probe into the matter following the heartrending death of Baba Vijay Das, and our party supports it," he said.

A local hill considered holy by pilgrims has been destroyed by illegal mining, which has also wrought destruction on the environment, he said adding that the National Green Tribunal should probe the matter too.

Assembly elections are due in Rajasthan in the second half of 2023, and the BJP has been working to corner the ruling Congress government over a host of issues.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13620

(set by Karaoke)

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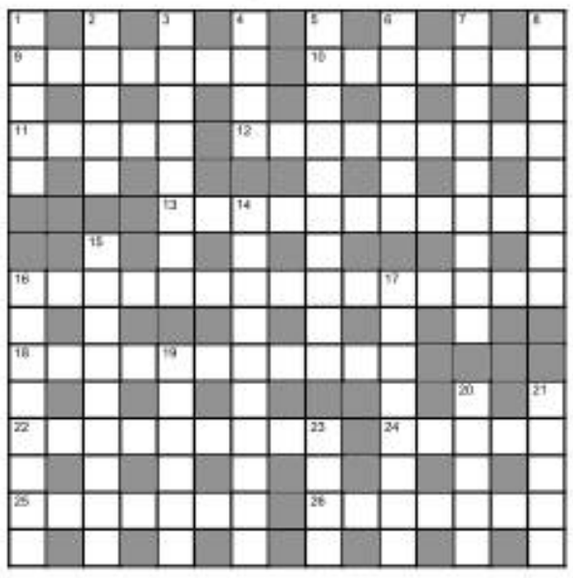

Across

9 Moneylender without initial capital remains loose (7)
10 Cryptic clue form occasionally with comma in the end causes problem to the eye (7)
11 Fruit mostly eaten by the great ape (5)
12 Check for errors in the evidence and interpret (9)
13 Suitable for occupation by mostly intern ladies in a mess (11)
16 Able-bodied incognito did no job essentially at sea (2,4,9)
18 Narcissistic damselfish? (4-7)
22 Puzzled lots (4,2,3)
24 Silly soldiers chase some booze (5)
25 Capital's appearance influenced by rich islands (7)
26 Left-over uniform, clean up (7)

Down

1 Sudoku solved without you? Say congratulations! (5)
2 50 in bill for fish (5)
3 Go off with anorak for boomer (8)
4 Thrash women at work consuming heroin (4)
5 Pablo odd on ordering sandwiches for the life-giver (5,5)
6 Miss India cake (6)
7 Producing hit movies? Doctor sometimes does this (4,5)
8 It slices vegetables, powders almond at home (8)
14 Player's double fault (6-4)
15 Agile cast played without laughing (9)
16 Mainly vodka is missing on the rocks? How rude! (8)
17 Thankful truly to accommodate bishop and knight finally (8)
19 Waxwork done with this from cosmic ray only (6)
20 White House initially arrested spy for fury (5)
21 First of all, have you ever noticed an animal that laughs? (5)
23 Tree's branch hides nut essentially (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to puzzle 13619

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Rukmini's determination

Sage Yajnavalkya decided to take up sanyasa. He had accumulated riches, which were gifts he had received from kings. He wanted to divide his wealth between his two wives. But one of them, Maitreyi, asked him what he was going to seek. When he answered that he sought moksha, she wanted to know if his wealth would not get him moksha. He said it wouldn't and then explained to her about Brahmam, said V.S. Karunakarachariar in a discourse. He said that to attain moksha, one must first listen to what Acharyas said about Brahmam. The next step was to think about what one had heard. Gradually, one would be able to focus one's mind on His form.

We find Rukmini giving a demonstration of Yajnavalkya's advice. She heard sages and scholars extol Krishna's qualities. She decided to marry Him, though she had not yet seen Him, thus showing us that sravana is the first step in our attempt to attain the lotus feet of the Lord. Rukmini was clear in her mind that she must wed Krishna. But her five brothers had other plans. Her father Bhishmaka had five sons – Rukmi, Rukmaratha, Rukmabahu, Rukmakesa and Rukmamali. Just as our indriyas prevent us from reaching the Paramatma, so did the five brothers of Rukmini try to keep her from marrying Lord Krishna. They chose Sisupala as the bridegroom. Lending his support to them was Jarasandha. Jarasandha was the father-in-law of Kamsa, having given his two daughters in marriage to Kamsa. With Krishna killing Kamsa, the two women had become widows. So Jarasandha wanted to do his best to keep Krishna from coming anywhere near Vidarbha, where Rukmini's wedding was to take place. But Rukmini was unwavering in her determination to wed Krishna, and despite all hurdles, she attained her goal.

China warns U.S. over Pelosi's Taiwan trip

'If Washington pushes ahead and challenges China's bottom line, it will bear all the consequences'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

China warned on Wednesday that Washington would "bear the consequences" if U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visits Taiwan, with tensions soaring ahead of an expected phone call between the two countries' leaders.

Beijing has hit back hard against the United States after reports emerged last week that Ms. Pelosi, a Democrat who is second in line to the presidency, could visit the self-ruled island of Taiwan in August.

Stirring up a storm: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi could visit the self-ruled island of Taiwan in August.

Ties between the two global superpowers have continued to deteriorate under Joe Biden's presidency, over issues including Taiwan, human rights and technology sector competition.

Beijing this week warned that it was "getting ready" for a possible visit by Mr. Pelosi, which would be the first to Taiwan by a sitting U.S. House speaker since 1997.

"We are firmly opposed to Speaker Pelosi's visit to Taiwan," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a regular press conference on Wednesday.

"If the U.S. pushes ahead and challenges China's bottom line... the U.S. side will bear all the consequences," he added.

A possible visit by Ms. Pelosi – yet to be confirmed by the senior Democrat – has stirred alarm in Mr. Biden's administration, which fears the trip may cross red lines for China. It also comes at an especially fraught time as Chinese President Xi Jinping prepares to cement his rule later this year at a major party meeting amid economic headwinds.

Last week Mr. Biden said the U.S. military thought a visit was "not a good idea right now".

Democratic Taiwan lives under constant threat of being invaded by China, which views it as part of its territory to be seized by force if necessary. China's air incursions near Taiwan have risen sharply this year as Beijing works to isolate the island on the international stage.

Ms. Pelosi told reporters last week it was "important for us to show support for Taiwan", while denying Congress was pushing for independence for the island.

In 1979, Washington switched relations from Taipei to Beijing, and successive administrations have been careful to recognise only "one China" by not sending top-ranking officials to Taiwan.

Biden-Xi call expected to cover Taiwan, Ukraine

WASHINGTON

Tensions over Taiwan and Russia's invasion of Ukraine are likely topics for a phone call expected this week between U.S. President Joe Biden and China's leader Xi Jinping, the White House said on Tuesday. White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said managing economic competition between the two countries is also expected to come up in the call, which Mr. Biden said on Monday is expected later this week. REUTERS

U.S. military making plans in case Pelosi visits Taiwan

SYDNEY

The Pentagon is developing plans for Nancy Pelosi's security in case she decides to visit Taiwan. Officials said if Ms. Pelosi goes to Taiwan, the military would increase its movement of forces and assets in the Indo-Pacific region. They said that fighter jets, ships, surveillance assets and other military systems would likely be used to provide overlapping rings of protection for her flight to Taiwan and any time on the ground there. AP

Liz Truss announces 'New Commonwealth Deal'

'Trade and investment are key to stopping China's influence'

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
LONDON

Outlining her vision for trade agreements, British prime ministerial candidate Liz Truss announced that a government led by her would prioritise a trade template with other Commonwealth countries under a 'New Commonwealth Deal'. Ms. Truss is currently Foreign Secretary and faces her former Cabinet colleague and erstwhile Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, in an internal Conservative party contest for the position of party leader and Prime Minister.

"I will ensure the Commonwealth sits at the heart of my plans for Global Britain," Ms. Truss said in a statement released to coincide with the first day of the Commonwealth Games, being held in Birmingham this year. The Foreign Secretary said her initiative would offer an alternative to Beijing's influence.

Liz Truss

'Clear alternative'

"As one of the largest groups of freedom loving democracies, we must ensure there are clear benefits to remaining a member of the Commonwealth and offer nations a clear alternative to growing malign influence from Beijing," she said, adding that prioritising trade within the Commonwealth would strengthen economic and security ties within the group and also give U.K. businesses access to one of the largest trading blocs. Her campaign said Ms. Truss believed the Commonwealth, "the largest group of nations that does not contain either Russia or China", had an increasingly important role to play in geopolitics.

"She believes trade and investment has a key role to play in stopping the growing Chinese influence where Beijing has used investment as a part of its 'Belt and Road Initiative'," a spokesperson for Ms. Truss said. The U.K. and India are hoping to come up with a draft free trade deal by Deepavali (October-end) this year.

UAE and Iran Ministers hold talks to boost ties

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
DUBAI

The Emirati and Iranian Foreign Ministers have held a telephone conversation and discussed boosting ties, UAE state media reported on Wednesday, as the Gulf Arab country considers sending an Ambassador back to Tehran.

Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and his Iranian counterpart, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, discussed ways of "boosting bilateral relations and areas of cooperation for the benefit of both countries", the UAE's state news agency WAM reported.

Mr. Sheikh Abdullah "highlighted the UAE's keenness... to enhance the security and stability of the region", WAM added.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said Mr. Amir-Abdollahian "welcomed the enhancement of the level of ties between the two countries" as "an important step in the process of developing bilateral relations", in a statement late on Tuesday. It said the Iranian Minister also spoke separately with his Omani and Kuwaiti counterparts on Tuesday night.

The United Arab Emirates scaled back its ties with the Islamic republic in 2016 after Iranian protesters attacked Saudi diplomatic missions in Iran following Riyadh's execution of Shia Muslim cleric Nimr al-Nimr.

UN panel tells Hong Kong to repeal national security law

Members hoped the law could be amended for the better

REUTERS

Hong Kong's controversial national security law should be repealed, experts on the UN Human Rights Committee said on Wednesday, amid concerns the legislation is being used to crack down on free speech and dissent in the former British colony.

Chinese and Hong Kong officials have repeatedly said the law, imposed by Beijing in 2020, was vital to restore stability after the city was rocked for months by sometimes violent anti-government and anti-China protests in 2019. The committee, which monitors the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) by state parties, released its findings on Hong Kong following a periodic review.

Anti-government protesters taking cover in 2019.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is a signatory to the ICCPR but China is not. The recommendations are the first by the independent UN expert body since 2020.

"The committee urged Hong Kong to take action to repeal the national security law and, in the meantime, refrain from applying it," Christopher Arif Balkan, committee vice chairperson, told journalists.

Committee members said they hoped the law could be amended for the better, given indications from the Hong Kong government it is contemplating new national security legislation.

Out of service: The damaged Antonivskiy bridge in the aftermath of shelling, in Kherson. • REUTERS

Ukraine hits key bridge in Russian-held Kherson

Moscow cuts gas deliveries to Europe

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

Ukrainian artillery on Wednesday struck a key bridge in Moscow-controlled territory in south Ukraine, damaging an important supply route as Kyiv's forces look to wrest back the Kherson region.

The strike on the Antonivskiy bridge over the Dnipro river came hours ahead of the opening in Istanbul of a joint observation centre to monitor Ukrainian grain exports.

German authorities said Russian energy giant Gazprom had drastically cut gas deliveries to Europe via the Nord Stream pipeline to about 20% of capacity, after the European Union agreed a plan to slash its usage this winter.

Kirill Stremousov, the deputy head of the Russian-installed regional administration in Kherson, confirmed the bridge had been hit overnight and traffic had been halted. But he sought to downplay the damage, insisting that the attack would not affect the outcome of the hostilities "in any way."

"The special military operation is continuing," Mr. Stremousov said in a video posted on social media, using the Kremlin's preferred term to refer to their invasion.

Ukraine grain centre opens in Istanbul

REUTERS
ISTANBUL

Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar on Wednesday unveiled a centre in Istanbul to oversee the export of Ukrainian foodgrains after a landmark UN deal last week, with the first shipment expected to depart from the Black Sea ports within days.

Russia and Ukraine signed the deal, brokered by Ankara and the United Nations, on Friday to reopen grain and fertilizer exports that have been blocked by war to ease an international food crisis.

The joint coordination centre (JCC) in Istanbul will oversee departures from three Ukrainian ports in which ships must circumvent mines, and will conduct inspections of incoming ships for weapons.

All vessels pass through Turkish waters and all parties will appoint representatives at the JCC to monitor the implementation of the plan. A total of 20 personnel from Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and the UN will work side-by-side at the centre. More than 25 million tonnes of grain is waiting to be exported, an official said.

Singapore extends visa for Sri Lanka's ex-leader: report

Former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has been staying there since July 14 on a short-term visit pass

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SINGAPORE

Singapore has extended a short-stay visa for Sri Lanka's deposed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, local media in the city-state reported on Wednesday.

Mr. Rajapaksa fled his country on July 13, after his official residence was stormed by thousands of protesters who had demonstrated for months against the island nation's painful economic crisis.

He first escaped to the Maldives in a military plane and travelled on to Singapore, where he has been staying on a short-term visit pass since July 14.

Mr. Rajapaksa's 14-day visit pass has been extended, allowing him to stay until August 11, the *Straits Times* newspaper reported on Wednesday, without citing a source.

Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority told AFP it had no further comment apart from a previous statement that confirmed Mr. Rajapaksa was allowed to enter Singapore.

Authorities had earlier said Mr. Rajapaksa entered the country on a "private visit" and was not seeking asylum. Sri Lanka's Cabinet spokesperson Bandula Gunawardena told reporters in Colombo on Tuesday that Mr. Rajapaksa was not in hiding and was expected to return to his country, but added that the government had not been informed about his travel plans.

Suicide bomber kills 9 in Somalia

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MOGADISHU

Nine people, including a senior local government official, were killed on Wednesday in a suicide bombing in southern Somalia claimed by al-Shabaab jihadist group, the police and witnesses said.

The attack occurred outside the administrative office in the town of Marka, where the district commissoner was speaking with the local people, the police said.

"Commissioner Abdullahi Wafow was killed in an explosion together with eight other people, most of them security personnel," a police officer in Marka, Ibrahim Ali, said. "The police are still investigating the incident but there are already indications that a suicide bomber carried out the deadly attack."

Al-Shaabab claimed responsibility in a brief statement, saying the "martydom operation" had targeted the commissioner. "The bomber ran up to the commissioner and blew himself up," witness Abdukadir Hassan said.

"I was close to where the incident occurred, the scene was horrible with these shattered pieces of human flesh all around."

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03.	Period of Completion	04 (Four) to 06 (Six) Calendar Months
04.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	From 11.00 AM of dt.29.07.2022 to 5.00 PM of dt.12.08.2022
05.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	5 PM of dt.12.08.2022
06.	Date & Time of opening of bids	At 11.00 AM of dt.16.08.2022
07.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid.	Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balangir, At-Tulsinagar, Dist- Balangir-767001.

Further details can be seen from the web site "http://tenders.ori.nic.in or www.tendersorissa.gov.in"
C-877
Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balangir.
OIPR-13005/11/0018/2223

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PPP) P.W.D., RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR
No. F.7(652)/SHA/PPP/WB/2021-22/D-682 Date: 19.07.2022
NIT No. 16/2022-23
RFP for Consultancy services for Pilot Speed Management Program for a High Risk corridor in Rajasthan are sought from the interest consulting firms upto 12:30 PM on 18.08.2022. Other particulars of the RFP may be seen on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of procurement is Rs. 2.20 Crores.
UBN No. PWD2223SLOB04485
Addl. Chief Engineer (PPP), PWD, Jaipur
DIPR/C/9683

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PPP) P.W.D., RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR
No. F.7 (566)/SHA/PPP/WB/2020-21/D-701 Date: 20.07.2022
Short Term NIT No. 20/2022-23
INVITATION OF RFP FOR TOLL COLLECTION
Bids for Toll Collection for Jodhpur - Marwar Jn. - Jojawar Highway (SH- 61 & 61A) (Km 0.00 to Km 119.100) are invited from the interest bidders upto 11:30 AM on 29.07.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of procurement is Rs. 3.085 Crores.
UBN No: PWD2223SLOB04645
Addl. Chief Engineer (PPP), PWD Rajasthan, Jaipur
DIPR/C/9778

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BHADRA GENERATING STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
CORRIGENDUM-II
Refer our e-Tender Notification No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12376 Dt: 08.06.2022 for the work of Design, Engineering, manufacture, quality surveillance, testing at supplier's works, supply, transportation, delivery on FOR destination basis, Arranging transit insurance, Dismantling of existing Governor and Sequencer system, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of One No. of Digital Governor cum Auto sequencer system and associated equipments complete including supply, laying, testing, termination of cables, networking, communication etc. for 2MW Bhadra Left Bank Generating Unit. The Bid Schedule is extended as follows: Laste Date & Time for submission of tenders: Extended up to 03.08.2022 upto 16.30 Hrs. Opening of the Technical Bid: 05.08.2022 at 10.30 Hrs. Opening of the Financial Bid: 08.08.2022 at 11.30 Hrs. The technical queries/clarifications are uploaded in GoK e-Procurement Website: URL:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in All other terms & conditions of bid notification shall remain unaltered. Further details can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, (O&M), Bhadra, Bhadra Generating Station, KPCL, B.R. Project - 577115, Bhadravathi-Tq., Shivamogga-Dist., Karnataka. Mobile: 94495 98814.

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Phone : +91 422 2422222, Fax : +91 422 2425706
Employment Notice No.BU/Estt./E5/2022/Key-Posts/12846-1,2 & 3 Date :28.07.2022
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited for the following posts

S. No.	Name of the post	No.of Posts	Notification No.
1	Director, SDE	1	Estt./E5/2022/SDE/12846-1
2	Additional COE	1	Estt./E5/2022/Addl.COE/12846-2
3	Public Relations Officer	1	Estt./E5/2022/PRO/12846-3

For application, eligibility and other instructions visit University website www.b-u.ac.in
Last date to submit the filled in application is 25.08.2022
DIPR/769/DIS/2022
REGISTRAR i/c

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (Divyangjan)
(Accredited by NAAC) (ISO 9001:2015 Certified – HRD & Clinical Services)
(Dept.of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities(Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt.of India)
Muttukadu, East Coast Road, Kovalam (P.O), Chennai - 603 112 Tamil Nadu - India.
Phone: 044 - 27472046, 27472113, Toll Free No: 18004250345, Mobile No: 9444314716
Kiran Mental Health Rehabilitation Helpline: 18005990019
www.niepmd.tn.nic.in E-mail: niepmd@gmail.com, niepmdhrd@gmail.com
ADMISSION NOTICE 2022-23
NIEPMD(D) invites applications for admission to the following courses for the academic year 2022-23.

Course & Duration	Extension of last date for submission of Application
Certificate Course in Care Giving (Basic-A) (3 Months)	30.08.2022
Certificate Course in Care Giving (Advance) (6 Months)	
Certificate Course in Care Giving (10 Months) ##	
D.Ed. Special Education in Multiple Disabilities (2 Years)	Admission through RCI, New Delhi refer www.rehabcouncil.nic.in
Bachelors in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (B.ASLP) (4 Years)	29.07.2022
B.Ed. Special Education in Multiple Disabilities (2 Years)	19.08.2022
M.Ed. Special Education in Multiple Disabilities (2 Years)	
Post Graduate Diploma in Early Intervention PGDEI (1 Year)	30.07.2022
M.Phil - Clinical Psychology (2 Years)	30.09.2022

Awaiting Extension of approval from RCI
• For details on application process: eligibility, norms, guidelines and curriculum refer to the prospectus in www.niepmd.tn.nic.in
• SC/ST/PwD Scholarships as per TN Govt./State Govt./National Scholarship Portal schemes are applicable.
Director, NIEPMD

MARKET WATCH

	27-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,816	0.99
US Dollar	79.91	-0.16
Gold	51,166	-0.05
Brent oil	106.72	-2.11

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	760.65	11.55
Apollo Hosp	4125.60	15.40
Asian Paints	3186.05	77.55
Axis Bank	718.95	12.50
Bajaj Auto	3883.85	-41.75
Bajaj Finserv	13307.05	-5.95
Bajaj Finance	6396.35	131.90
Bharti Airtel	674.90	-9.20
BPCL	324.60	6.15
Britannia Ind	3854.55	47.40
Cipla	974.05	18.35
Coal India	203.45	1.15
Divis Lab	3786.45	98.45
Dr Reddys Lab	4286.05	74.05
Eicher Motors	3057.40	34.10
Grasim Ind	1546.85	32.00
HCL Tech	928.45	14.95
HDFC	2313.35	20.85
HDFC Bank	1404.40	10.65
HDFC Life	521.25	-1.30
Hero MotoCorp	2782.55	-18.20
Hindalco	388.65	6.75
Hind Unilever	2581.95	34.85
ICICI Bank	800.50	4.20
Indusind Bank	979.80	18.20
Infosys	1471.05	19.90
ITC	304.15	1.70
JSW Steel	602.70	4.95
Kotak Bank	1754.10	-7.50
L&T	1796.65	45.40
M&M	1138.10	2.10
Maruti Suzuki	8658.10	132.35
Nestle India Ltd.	18541.90	32.40
NTPC	149.70	-0.30
ONGC	128.60	0.40
PowerGrid Corp	210.65	1.55
Reliance Ind	2419.20	-2.30
SBI Life	1149.35	11.35
State Bank	528.20	14.00
Shree Cement	21023.50	171.15
Sun Pharma	894.00	26.35
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	801.60	10.75
Tata Motors	444.05	2.90
Tata Steel	959.40	9.90
TCS	3188.85	72.95
Tech Mahindra	1007.65	8.30
Titan	2303.55	10.35
UltraTech Cement	6535.35	135.70
UPL	721.60	-4.75
Wipro	406.65	1.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.70	80.02
Euro	80.99	81.31
British Pound	96.19	96.58
Japanese Yen (100)	58.30	58.54
Chinese Yuan	11.80	11.85
Swiss Franc	82.85	83.23
Singapore Dollar	57.46	57.70
Canadian Dollar	62.00	62.26
Malaysian Ringitt	17.87	17.96
Australian Dollar	55.39	55.61

Source:Indian Bank

Government initiates work on consumer spending survey

'Will capture data on benefits households received under government schemes'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre has kicked off the process for conducting the quinquennial Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) this month, and the questionnaire for the survey has been tweaked to capture data on items received free from the government's welfare programmes.

Field work, which will for the first time involve three visits over a year to assess spending patterns in selected households, will begin soon, Rao Inderjit Singh, the Minister of State with independent charge of Statistics and Programme Implementation told the Lok Sabha.

Key insights: The HCES is used to arrive at poverty level estimates, as also for updating the consumption basket. • AFP

Conducted every five years, the HCES is used to arrive at estimates of poverty levels as well as review key economic indicators like Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The results of the survey are also utilised for updating the consumption basket and for base revision of the Consumer Price Index.

The survey was last conducted in 2017-18 but its findings were not published, citing data quality concerns, so the last publicly available official estimates on consumer spending are from 2011-12.

"The survey on Household Consumption Expenditure has been planned to collect disaggregated level information from the households on consumption of food and non-food items," Mr. Singh explained. "The process to conduct the HCES has been initiated in July," he said, adding enumerators were undergoing training.

While the 2011-12 data was collected in a single visit, the latest HCES would entail data collection in three visits through a Computer Assisted Personal Interview.

Pharma, tea, coffee exports affected by war, says Goyal

'Can assess impact precisely only after situation stabilises'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Ukraine-Russia conflict had impacted exports of Indian pharmaceuticals, tea, coffee and marine products, but bilateral trade with Russia had improved, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday.

The precise implication of the war scenario could be assessed only after the situation stabilises, Mr. Goyal said in response to MPs' queries as to whether the government had estimated the scale of impact of the war in Europe on Indian industry and commerce.

"As per the feedback received from the industry, exports of some products from India are affected such as pharmaceuticals, telecom instruments, tea, coffee, marine products, etc.," Mr. Goyal said in the Lok Sabha.

Piyush Goyal

"The bilateral trade with Russia has, however, improved in comparison to the corresponding period last year," he added. On plans for a financial stimulus in the wake of the war's impact, the Minister said the Centre had provided for fiscal stimulus in this year's Budget with a gross fiscal deficit to GDP ratio budgeted at 6.4%.

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel separately informed the Lok Sabha that India's negotiations with the European Union for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) had resumed last month and similar talks were underway with Canada, Israel and the U.K.

Ms. Patel also informed that a draft National Logistics Policy had been readied and circulated for inter-ministerial consultations.

Fed attacks U.S. inflation by raising rates yet again

Lifts key rate by 0.75 percentage point

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

The U.S. Federal Reserve on Wednesday again raised the benchmark interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point in its battle to tamp down raging price pressures that are squeezing American families.

It was the second straight 75-basis point increase, and fourth rate hike this year, as U.S. central bankers move aggressively to cool the strongest surge in inflation in more than four decades in the largest economy.

Jerome Powell

While the Fed noted signs that the U.S. economy was slowing, it signalled plans to continue to raise borrowing costs. Fed Chair Jerome Powell and others have made it clear they are willing to risk a downturn and will keep raising rates until they see solid evidence that inflation is moving back towards the 2% goal.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) raised the policy rate to a range of 2.25-2.5%, after starting the year near zero. "Recent indicators of spending and production have softened," the FOMC noted.

Maruti Suzuki Q1 profit more than doubles to ₹1,036 crore

'Domestic sales exceed 3.98 lakh vehicles, exports at 69,437'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. (MSIL) on Wednesday reported a more than twofold jump in consolidated net profit to ₹1,036 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, mainly due to a low base in the year-earlier period.

The auto major had posted a net profit of ₹475 crore in the COVID-hit April-June quarter of the last fiscal.

Net sales surged to ₹26,512 crore in the June quarter compared with ₹17,776 crore in the same period of 2021-22.

'Not comparable'

Performance in the first quarter of the last year was

affected by COVID-related shutdowns and disruptions, and hence comparison with the first quarter this year was not on a like-to-like basis, MSIL said in a statement.

The company sold 4,67,931 vehicles during the June quarter against 3,53,614 units in the year-earlier period. Sales in the domestic market stood at 3,98,494 units, while exports were 69,437 units, the highest ever in any quarter, MSIL said.

In Q1 of the last fiscal, the company had sold 3,08,095 units in the domestic market and 45,519 units in the export markets.

On a standalone basis, the company reported a net profit of ₹1,013 crore as against ₹440 crore in the first quarter of 2021-22.

Net sales stood at ₹25,286 crore, compared with ₹16,799 crore in the year-earlier period.

MSIL stated that the shortage of electronic components in the first quarter resulted in the non-production of about 51,000 vehicles.

Tata Motors net loss widens to ₹5,007 crore

JLR sales hit by supply issues, says firm

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Tata Motors Ltd. said first-quarter consolidated net loss widened to ₹5,007 crore, from ₹4,451 crore a year earlier, primarily owing to a poor show at its Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) unit.

The domestic businesses of commercial vehicles (CVs) and passenger vehicles (PVs) were, however, profitable before tax.

Revenue grew to ₹71,228 crore, from ₹65,535 crore. Retail sales at JLR were impacted by supply challenges including semiconductor shortages, a slower-than-expected ramp-up in production of the New Range Rover and New Range Rover Sport models and the China lockdowns, the company said.

"For India, domestic wholesales were at 95,895 vehicles (124% growth). Exports were, however, at 5,218 vehicles, lower by 22.6% affected by the financial crisis in a few export markets," the automaker added.

"The CV industry continued to witness rising demand across all segments led by a reviving economy," said ED Girish Wagh.

IN BRIEF

Dr. Reddy's unveils cancer drug in U.S.

HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has unveiled Bortezomib for Injection, 3.5 mg single-dose vial in the U.S. market, a generic equivalent of Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A. Inc's Velcade (bortezomib) Injection. A proteasome inhibitor, it is indicated for treatment of multiple myeloma and mantle cell lymphoma.

Laurus Labs Q1 net rises marginally to ₹252.5 cr.

HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Laurus Labs said consolidated net profit rose close to 5% to ₹252.54 crore for the quarter ended June, amid significant pricing pressure on key antiretroviral APIs and the formulation business. Revenue from operations grew 20% to ₹1,540.69 crore. CFO V.V. Ravi Kumar said capital expenditure stood at ₹209 crore in the quarter and the firm was on track to execute future capex as per schedule.

Mold-Tek Packaging net profit rises to ₹21.71 cr.

HYDERABAD

Mold-Tek Packaging has reported an almost 80% increase in net profit to ₹21.71 crore for the June quarter. Revenue from operations of the rigid plastic packaging firm at ₹207.8 crore was an increase of 55% from the year earlier period. CMD J.Lakshmana Rao said the company delivered healthy operating margins with its focus on IML packs and improving operational efficiencies across all business segments.

TCS expects $1 bn retail biz to outgrow revenue

MUMBAI

TCS said it expects the $1 billion retail sector business in the U.K., Europe to outpace the company's overall revenue growth on the back of strong demand for IT services. The country's largest software exporter on Wednesday announced a multi-year, multimillion dollar deal with Marks & Spencer, with which it has been working for more than a decade, to transform the British retailer's human resources operations. PTI

Sundaram Home Finance net rises 18%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Sundaram Home Finance Ltd. (SHFL) posted a 18% rise in net profit for the quarter ended June to ₹47 crore, on the back of rising demand for home loans.

Disbursements grew to ₹796 crore from ₹249 crore a year earlier, the company said in a statement. For the second quarter in succession, SHFL achieved disbursements of close to ₹800 crore. In Q4 last year, the firm had disbursed ₹794 crore.

"We have seen the positive disbursements trend from Q4 of last year continuing into Q1 this year driven by an increasing demand for home loans in tier 2 and 3 towns in the southern markets," said Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy, MD.

Power generation capacity to hit 820GW

'Over 500GW will be from non-fossils'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Union Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R.K. Singh on Wednesday said the country's electricity generation capacity will reach 820GW by 2030, including more than 500GW from non-fossil fuel sources.

At the unveiling of a report of The Energy Resource Institute (TERI), Mr. Singh said: "By 2030, the total capacity for power production would be about 820GW. Out of that, more than 500GW will be non-fossil."

Pointing out that India had already started adding storage capacity to renewable energy, the Minister said the government had come out with one of the largest bids on storage and was trying to bring down the storage cost by adding volume.

He also emphasised on India's commitment to energy transition targets though the country had one of the lowest per capita emissions.

TERI on Wednesday released a roadmap charting the feasible pathways to achieving the ambitious decarbonisation targets.

The roadmap also calls for state leadership in the development of pumped storage plants and feed-in-tariff for solar generation.

FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Regulation 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2017)
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF
COLLECTIVE (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED

1	NAME OF CORPORATE PERSON	COLLECTIVE (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED
2	DATE OF INCORPORATION OF CORPORATE PERSON	04/02/2005
3	AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH CORPORATE PERSON IS INCORPORATED/ REGISTERED	ROC-Bangalore, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
4	CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER / LIMITED LIABILITY IDENTITY NUMBER OF CORPORATE PERSON	U72200KA2005PTC035535
5	ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF ANY) OF CORPORATE PERSON	#177/A, Bilekahalli, J P Nagar, 4th Phase, Dollars Colony Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore – 560076, Karnataka, India
6	LIQUIDATION COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CORPORATE PERSON	25th JULY 2022
7	NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE LIQUIDATOR, AUTHORISATION FOR ASSIGNMENT (AFA) Validity	Mr. Thirupal Gorige, No 87, 2nd Floor, 7th Main, 21 Cross, N.S. Palya, BTM layout 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560076, India. CELL +91 94483 84064, LL +080 7963 4233 Email: gthirupal@gmail.com IP Registration No. IBBI/PA-002/IP-N000316/2016-17/10038 AFA valid upto 08-05-2023
8	LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS	23rd AUGUST 2022

Notice is hereby given that **Collective (India) Private Limited** has commenced voluntary liquidation on **25th July 2022**.
The stakeholders of **Collective (India) Private Limited** are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims, on or before **23rd August 2022** to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item 7.
The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electronic means. Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.
Sd/-
Date: 26.07.2022 Shri. Thirupal Gorige,
Place: Bangalore Liquidator

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board Office of the Chief Engineer
Jalamandali Compound, Sir.M. Vishveshvarayya Road,Dharwad-580 001 Email: kwbcen@gmail.com
Tel No: 0836-2447090

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Lumsum tender for the following works are invited (two tender document system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria.
1) Providing Under Ground Drainage Sewer line in roads to be developed by NH & SH at Ward Number 37, 39, 41 & 46 of Hubballi City- **Package-I (Lumpsum). WORK_IDENT/3191 , 2)** Providing Under Ground Drainage Sewer line in roads to be developed by NH & SH at Ward Number 37, 39, 41 & 46 of Hubballi City-**Package-II(Lumpsum). WORK_IDENT/3192**, For further information visit e-procurement portal. For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may please be contacted.

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.
DIPR/DWD/402/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/B/JE/ JJM/3r Party/Tend/2022-23/744 Dated: 21.07.2022

E-tender Notification (KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the tender for execution of "Hiring and Empanelment of Third Party Agency under JJM for Rural Drinking Water works and Chartered Accountant for Concurrent audit of Drinking water scheme for Rural Drinking water and sanitation Department in karnataka." through e-procurement. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website. The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 5.30pm on **06.08.2022** Pre-bid meeting debated 29.07.2022 at Office of the Executive Engineer, Office, Rural Water supply & Sanitation Division. Ballari, Ballari. For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/297/MCA/2022-23

Coromandel June quarter net surges to ₹499 crore

Nutrient, crop protection drive profit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Jump in net came on a nearly 57% rise in total income to ₹5,783 crore

Agri solutions provider Coromandel International has posted a more than 47% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹499 crore for the quarter ended June aided by growth in both nutrient and crop protection businesses.

The jump in net profit came on an almost 57% increase in total income to ₹5,783 crore (₹3,686 crore).

"Coromandel registered a strong performance in Q1 with a 57% revenue growth over the same quarter last year, with growth in both nutrient and crop protection businesses due to high price of raw materials," said MD Sameer Goel.

"We are witnessing adequate monsoon coverage and higher reservoir levels which augurs well for Indian agriculture in our key operating markets," he said.

The capital expansion programme is on track, the company said in a release. The firm has proposed a sulphuric acid plant in Visakhapatnam and setting up a multi-purpose plant for crop protection.

Coromandel International said its investment in mining company BMCC of Senegal, through wholly owned subsidiary Coromandel Chemicals, is expected to be completed in the coming quarter, which will help in securing critical phosphate rock needs.

CG Power net doubles on savings, sales

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd. a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India, reported a 146% rise in standalone net profit for the first quarter ended June to ₹124 crore, on savings in procurement, increased productivity and reduction in finance costs on account of loan repayment.

Revenue from operations grew 63% to ₹1,559 crore, with industrial systems accounting for ₹1,106 crore and power systems making up the balance, the company said in a regulatory filing.

CG Power said it repaid remaining term debt of ₹100 crore out of internal accruals and the term loans stood paid in full.

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Rural Drining Water & Sanitation Department, Chickballapura.
No.: EE/R.D.W.& S.D./C.Pura/D.P.R./Tender/2022-23 Date:20.07.2022

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification
No.: 16/2022-23 Date: 20.07.2022

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer invites Tender in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Agencies for Empanelment of Engineering Consultancy Firm in Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for In-village Infrastructure System in Chikkaballapura District. Contract Rules and other details can be obtained from e-procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** Rates should be submitted as per Contract rules along with related documents. Further information if required can be obtained from the office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Chikkaballapura during office hours (Excluding Holidays). Tender information is as below. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
(1) Date of downloading Tender Documents from the website **20.07.2022 after 4.30 PM (2)** Last Date for submitting the filled Tender: **28.07.2022 up to 5.30 PM (3)** Date of opening the technical bid: **30.07.2022 at 11.00 AM (4)** Date of opening the financial bid: **01.08.2022 at 11.00 AM**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Chikkaballapur
ಜಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆಡಳಿತ/ಸಂಪ್ಟೆ191/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022-23

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
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DISTRICT URBAN DEVELPOMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR,-581 301
ಫೋನ್: 08382-221170 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: itstaffdudckarwar@gmail.com
No: UK/DUDC/AmrutNagarothanaPhase-4/CR-07:2022-23 Dated: 26-07-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Uttar Kannada District, Karwar invites e-tenders from PWD Registered contractors for Amrut Nagarothan-4 Project work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below .
Pre bid Meeting date: **12-08-2022** at **11.00 hrs**, Uploading Tender Documents: **29-08-2022 at 16.30 hrs**, , Opening of Technical Bid : **30.08.2022 at 17.00 hrs** & Opening of Financial Bid: **06.09.2022 at 11.00 hrs.**
Description of work (1) Improvements to Roads and Drains under Amrut Nagarothana Phase-4 in TMC Kumta limit. Indent No. **DMA/2022-23/RD/WORD_INDENT 133030** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 413.17Lakh**, EMD Amount: **Rs. 6.20Lakh**, Tender Period: 9 Months Excluding Monsoon Season (2) Improvements to Roads and Drains under Amrut Nagarothana Phase-4 in TP Honnavar limit.Indent No. **DMA/2022-23/RD/WORD_INDENT 132967** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 133.79Lakh**, EMD Amount: **Rs 2.00 Lakh**, Tender Period: 9 Months including Monsoon Season.
All other required tender information may be availed from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** or Project Director, DUDC, UK Office

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